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ZEE ENTERTAINMENT MOVES H.C. AGAINST EGM DEMAND

The company moved the Bombay HC, seeking it to declare the requisition for Extraordinary General Meeting illegal & invalid

ZEEL BOARD HAD REJECTED THE REQUEST

The development comes two days after the National Company Law Tribunal asked it to consider the request of minority shareholders — the US-based Invesco and OFI Global China Fund LLC — to hold EGM. ZEEL board met on Friday and rejected the request. The firm said the request did not comply with various company rules and SEBI guidelines

UNHAPPY WITH CEO, MERGER WITH SONY

- Invesco and OFI had moved the tribunal seeking the removal of ZEEL chief executive and managing director Punit Goenka and reconstitution of the board with the appointment of six directors
- They were also unhappy with the September 22 announcement on merger ZEEL's merger with Sony Pictures Network Ltd

17.88%
SHARES HELD BY INVESCO AND OFI IN ZEEL

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China has upped PLA troops along LAC: Army chief

Says Indian Army is keeping a tab on Chinese troop movements, ready for any eventuality

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

EXPRESSING concern over China increasing its troop presence along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh and the eastern sector, Army chief General M M Naravane on Saturday said the Indian Army was monitoring the situation and was capable of handling any eventuality.

"China has deployed troops in considerable numbers across eastern Ladakh and the northern front right up to our Eastern command. Definitely this increase in deployment in the forward areas remains a matter of concern for us," Gen Naravane said while talking to media persons in Leh. He was on a two-day visit to Ladakh to review the security situation and operational preparedness of the force.

"We are regularly monitoring all their movements. Based on inputs, we are also carrying out matching developments, both in terms of infrastructure and troop deployment to counter any threat. At the moment, we are quite well poised to meet any eventuality," the army chief said.

He expressed hope the sore points would be resolved during the 13th round of Corps Commander-level talks expected soon. It was after the 12th round of talks in August that troops disengaged from the Gogra heights.

Clashes between the two forces took place in May 2020 at Finger 4 on the north Bank of the Pangong Lake and it later spread to Hot Springs, Gogra and the Galwan Valley. There was also a standoff at Depsang and Demchok. The Indian Army did a precautionary deployment at the beginning of the tension along the 3,488 km-long LAC. India has also been developing its road infrastructure in the borders areas.

The Chinese have built permanent habitation and are sprucing up air force infrastructure on their side. Around 60,000 troops from both sides are deployed along the LAC and are supported by artillery, armoured tanks, missiles and other military equipment.

Earlier, the Army chief took part in a ceremony to unfurl a 1,000-kg handwoven khadi tricolour, the largest in the country, atop a high mountain overlooking the Leh valley to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti and the 75th anniversary of India's Independence. The flag was unfurled by Lieutenant Governor R K Mathur. It has been made by Khadi Dyers and Printers based in Mumbai and the Sura-Soi Engineer Regiment brought it to Leh and installed it at the top of the high mountains.

Indian Army deploys Howitzer Regiment

With China ramping up its arsenal along the LAC, India reciprocated by deploying its first K9-Vajra self-propelled Howitzer Regiment in the Ladakh sector. "We have now added an entire regiment, this will be really helpful," Army chief General MM Naravane said

After protests, Centre advances rice procurement

PROTESTERS TARGET CHIEF MINISTERS' HOMES

The protesters laid siege to the residences of legislators and ministers in Punjab and Haryana, including the personal residence of Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi in Kharar, and Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's home in Karnal. The protesters ended the sit-in only after the government assured procurement from Sunday

Labourers move sacks of paddy grain from a waterlogged area after a rainfall at a wholesale grain market near Amritsar on Saturday. High moisture content increases the risk of damage in grains | PTI

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

IN a bid to calm the frayed nerves of agitating farmers in Punjab and Haryana, the Centre on Saturday said it would start paddy procurement in the two states from Sunday itself. The announcement came after day-long protests by angry farmers on Saturday, against the delay in procurement.

The decision was made after a meeting between Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Union minister Ashwini Kumar Choubey. Following the announcement, the farmers ended the dharna.

Rice procurement was to start on October 1 but was postponed to October 10 as moisture content in the crop was beyond permissible limits owing to recent heavy rains.

The protesters said they feared they would suffer if their crop was not purchased at the grain markets.

The paddy crop had started arriving in mandis and farmers feared that they would be forced to sell their crop below the minimum support price.

Farmers in Punjab protested outside residences of Channi, deputy chief minister O P Soni, Assembly Speaker Rana K P Singh, MLA Harjot Kamal, besides many other leaders.

In Haryana, protests were held outside the residences of Bharatiya Janata Party and Jannayak Janta Party leaders. Farmers pitched tents in front of Khattar's residence at Prem Nagar in Karnal and later hoisted the Bharatiya Kisan Union flag on the walls.

In Ambala, the police put up barricades to prevent the farmers from laying siege to the residence of BJP legislator Aseem Goel. Tight security arrangements were made outside the residence of state home minister Anil Vij.

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha had on Friday asked the farmers to hold protests outside the residences of ministers and MLAs in both the states.

JAB-O-METER
TAKE YOUR SHOT
October 1 **62,86,379 doses**
October 2 **65,27,196 doses**
TOTAL DOSES: 90,42,59,810

NATIONWIDE	OCT 1	OCT 2
Fresh cases	26,727	24,354
Recoveries	28,246	25,455
Deaths	277	234

KARNATAKA	OCT 1	OCT 2
Fresh cases	589	636
Recoveries	704	745
Deaths	13	4

EXPRESS READ

B'luru may not see full vax coverage by Dec-end

Bengaluru: While the BBMP has covered 85 pc of Bengaluru's population with the first dose of the Covid vaccine until October 1, and only 47 pc with the second dose, it could be difficult to achieve 100 pc coverage by December-end | P3

Philippines' Duterte announces retirement

Manila: Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte on Saturday announced he was retiring from politics and dropping plans to run for V-P in next year's polls when his term ends, avoiding a legal battle with opponents.

Will win bypolls, says Siddaramaiah

Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah exudes confidence that Congress will win both Sindagi and Hanagal Assembly constituencies, saying that there is "huge anti-incumbency" against the BJP in both seats. P4

HC TELLS NETFLIX TO BLOCK EPISODE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court has directed the popular streaming network Netflix to block the first episode of Series 1 of the documentary, 'Crime Stories: India Detective', titled "A Murdered Mother".

Issuing notices to Netflix Entertainment Services India and Minnow Films Ltd, Justice BM Shyam Prasad passed the interim order after hearing a petition filed by S Sridhar Rao, a resident of Subbannapalya here. The petitioner's counsel submitted that Sridhar Rao is undergoing trial for multiple offences, which include those punishable under Sections 302 and 307, 212, and 201 read with Section 34 of the IPC. The episode, "A Murdered Mother", contains visuals of interrogation of the petitioner and another.

He argued that the content prejudices the petitioner's defence, as it contains an interview recorded during the investigation and a recorded video of a purported confession. Apart from violating his privacy, the content, without any justification, exposes him to ridicule and harassment by the public, he argued. The petitioner said that he filed the suit against the respondents, along with an application for temporary injunction, before the Civil Court, but it only issued summons and emergent notices without considering that the delay in granting an interim order would defeat the purpose of the application and prejudice the petitioner's interest.

The episode is on OTT platform and is available for viewing to all registered users, which would put the petitioner to harassment, he pleaded.

MULE ON TRAIN

RPF women's team seizes ₹3.2 cr drug from passenger

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN one of the biggest drug busts made in the country on Railway premises, an all-woman team of the Railway Protection Force (RPF) on Friday seized 640 gm of the recreational drug Crystal Methamphetamine, worth nearly ₹3.2 crore, from a train passenger. He was arrested after he got down from the Prashanti Express at Hindupur station in the Bengaluru Railway Division.

The accused, with his backpack, after his arrest by the RPF

The 44-year-old passenger from Odisha was travelling in the general coach of the train with the drug, called Crystal Meth, concealed in his backpack, to be delivered in Odisha, said a top railway source. The popular party drug, also known as 'ice' or 'glass', is highly addictive and affects the central nervous system. Train No. 18464 had departed from Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna station to Bhubaneswar at 1.50 pm on October 1. A six-member team of RPF's Shakti unit, specially constituted for safety of women passengers, was patrolling on board, the source said. P5

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REMEMBERING BAPU

Visually-challenged students dressed as Mahatma Gandhi offer homage to the Father of the Nation on his birth anniversary in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHRIRAM BN

Will complete term, says Rajasthan CM

Amid rumblings in Punjab and Chhattisgarh Congress, Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot, who is facing a challenge from Sachin Pilot, said his government will not only complete its full term but also return to power

Amid buzz of change, Baghel made UP observer

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR & EJAZ KAISER @ New Delhi/Raipur

AMID speculation of a change of guard in Chhattisgarh, the Congress high command on Saturday appointed Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel as a senior observer for the Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh.

The appointment amid infighting in the party has raised doubts over Baghel's continuation as the CM. The speculation over a leadership change is also because 20-odd state Congress legislators and leaders close to the CM are again camping in Delhi. Sources said they have been sent to act as a "pressure group" against any change of guard. While the MLAs cited "personal" reasons for their visit to Delhi, Baghel said there was no ban on the legislators from going anywhere. "It is not a political movement. They will visit and return," he added.

Sources said the legislators have not been able to meet the party high command to express their support for Baghel. They said the high command appears adamant on executing a change of guard in Chhattisgarh.

"Baghel may be replaced by TS Singhdeo. The appointment of Baghel as an observer is the first move," the sources said. Meanwhile, Singhdeo cited the political situation as an opportunity rather than a tug-of-war within the party as he reiterated that the high command had reserved its decision on leadership change.

A CHANGED LIFE

On power trip, but villagers of Pavagada divided into powerful and powerless

CHETANA BELAGERE & ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Pavagada

MUNIYAPPA Reddy, who once spent hours tilling his six-acre land, is today seen in an inebriated state most of the time and smoking under a banyan tree, while his wife and daughter cross the border to Andhra Pradesh to work as farm labourers. This is the story of several farm owners, who leased out their land to Shakti Sthala -- one of the biggest solar parks in Asia, at Pavagada taluk. But for the land taken on lease, the villages are given a "government dole", which comes in the form of the lease amount of ₹23,000 per acre per annum. The villages now boast of 24-hour power supply, pucca houses and good roads, but lack basic facilities like toilets and drinking water.

Those who do not own land are falling deeper into the debt trap. Unemployment has peaked in the area and labourers have to travel long distances to find work. In all, 12,800 acres of land at Vallur, Tirumani, Balasamudram, Kyatagancharulu and Rayacharulu villages of Pavagada taluk were acquired to set up the solar farm by the Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation (KSPDCL).

SOLAR PARK FLARES
PART – 2

A large number of women from these border villages go to Andhra Pradesh to work in farms. "Every day, some 15 vehicles come to pick up workers, mostly women, who are taken to farms across the border. We are paid ₹200-300 per day," said Eshwaramma from Vallur. At times, they travel up to four hours to earn meagre sums. P4

Residents sit under a banyan tree at Kyatagancharulu village in Pavagada taluk | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Every day, some 15 vehicles come to pick up workers, mostly women, who are taken to farms in Andhra Pradesh.
Eshwaramma, resident, Vallur

BRIGHTSIDE
NEST OF LOVE
P2

ALMANAC TODAY
• Sunday : 03/10/2021 • Year: Plava • Ayana: Dakshinayna
• Ritu: Varsha • Masa: Sravana • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Dwadasi 7.29 pm
• Nakshatra: Makha 1.55 am • Moon in Kanya Rashi • Rahukaala: 04:30 pm to 06:00 pm
• Gulikakala: 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • Yamaganda: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST
Tstorms late. Cloudy

Sunrise 6.08 am
Sunset 6.09 pm
Moonrise 3.07 am
Moonset 4.04 pm

NEST OF LOVE

A couple from Bantwal taluk in Dakshina Kannada is on a mission to conserve birds by providing locals with free nests to attract the winged beauties

Nests made of clay attract several birds

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

THEY say charity begins at home, but should not end there. And a 36-year-old post-graduate in Economics from Dakshina Kannada has adopted this saying as his life's mantra for the past seven years, and been providing a safe place for chirpy birds to rest.

Meet Nithyananda Shetty, founder of Gubbachichi Goodu Abhiyana, who started the forum with a motto to conserve birds. Shetty and his 26-year-old wife Ramya, an M.Com graduate, have dedicated their lives to birds by distributing nests made of wood and bamboo and clay pots for the winged creatures to quench their thirst. The couple also strives to create awareness among people about the importance of birds and their contribution to the ecosystem.

The farmer couple, who grow horticulture crops for a living, has created a haven for the winged visitors on a patch of two acres of land at Elianadugodu in Bantwal taluk, Dakshina Kannada district, by planting different fruit-bearing trees like chikku, guava, banana and jackfruit. A survey carried out during last year's lockdown revealed that 93 species of birds have made the Shetty family land, located 50 km from Mangaluru, their home.

When one visits Shetty, he or she is welcomed by the serene sounds of birds chirping. Shetty says he did not have to look far from home for inspiration. As a kid, he saw his mother always being kind to birds and that has had a life-changing impact on him, so much so that he now eats, breathes and sleeps birds! "Even birds feel hungry and thirsty. How helpless we feel if we don't have access to food and water?" he says when asked about the motive behind his selfless work. Sharing an instance, Shetty says he once got a call from a stranger asking if he could provide him with two nests to hang on trees outside his home. Within a few hours, Shetty set out on his two-wheeler, carrying with him three nests. He delivered two nests to the caller and asked him if there was anyone who wanted the extra nest. And when the caller pulled out a few notes from his pocket to pay Shetty for the service, the latter refused to take any money.

The Shetty couple does not accept any money for their noble work and spends a chunk from their hard-earned money for the cause of the tiny creatures. The couple lives with their two-year-old child and leads a simple life. A dhoti-clad Shetty doesn't even wear footwear and dons trousers only when he has to ride somewhere far on his motorbike.

In the past seven years, the couple has distributed more than 1,000 nests to hundreds of residents of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts. They have also given hundreds of talks on the importance of conservation of birds in schools and villages. "Once we were travelling to Jammu and Kashmir by train... we distributed handbills stressing the need to protect birds to hundreds of our fellow passengers," a gleaming Shetty adds.

They regularly upload videos on YouTube, educating people on the importance of conserving birds. "We are very happy if someone comes forward to keep a nest around their house. That shows they really care for birds," says Shetty. While they source the bamboo from friends and relatives, they buy clay pots and wood from the local market.

Shetty also dons the hat of a diviner to locate the perfect spot to place the nests to attract birds. "Vehicular noise and movement of pets, like cats, pose a serious threat to birds. So, we pick a place that is calm and in the shade to protect the nests from rain," adds Shetty. He appeals to people to give water and grains to birds during summer months, and plant saplings during the monsoon that in future will attract birds. Shetty says birds are a symbol of health of a human habitation. "We have driven out crows that were helpful to human beings as scavengers. Sparrows have also gone missing... same is the case with the nightingale. Birds migrating to far-off places for breeding purposes is common. But if they migrate for food and water, it reflects badly on human beings!" he concludes.

The selfless service of Nithyananda Shetty and Ramya is something great. They are dedicated and committed to conservation of birds. I am thankful to them for giving me two bamboo nests. They came down all the way from their village to drop it at my home in Mangaluru
Pamelo Rego, a resident of Bejai in Mangaluru
Nithyananda Shetty and his wife Ramya build nests using bamboo
COMMON BIRDS ON SHETTY'S LAND
Crow, great cormorant, owl, kingfisher, crane, pigeon, bulbul, jungle fowl, peacock, sunbird, common myna, grey junglefowl, cuckoo, spotted munia, parakeet, woodpecker, green pigeon, Indian pond heron
93
species of birds found on Shetty's two-acre land

UDUPI'S OWN AQUAMAN

For 20 years, day or night, Eshwar Malpe has dived into dangerous waters to help people of the district

PRAKASH SAMAGA @ Udupi

UDUPI artfully embraces the vastness of the Arabian Sea, with several rivers and rivulets sketching its landscape. Water comes as second nature for the people of this picturesque coastal district, and with it, the many perils of losing footing or even drowning. And during these bleak moments, in dives Eshwar Malpe, who has rescued about 20 people from drowning and retrieved 200 bodies of those who unfortunately couldn't make it.

A supplier of potable water to fishing boats, 45-year-old Eshwar is a self-taught underwater search and recovery expert. A godsend, his selfless timely acts of courage have offered a new lease of life to those who were otherwise doomed to a watery grave.

Residing near Malpe beach with his mother, wife and three children, Eshwar has never turned down any SOS calls any time of the day. "They call me in distress and I immediately head out. My wife has always been supportive and respects my drive to help others," he tells *The New Sunday Express*.

Fit as a fiddle, the man can hold his breath underwater for three minutes. Until very recently, Eshwar used to retrieve bodies without an oxygen kit. He has also rescued people trapped in swirling rapids and those on the verge of suicide.

In a district endowed with good rainfall, leaving rivers in spate a few times a year, Eshwar's task becomes all the more critical. With fewer lifeguards, even the police dial him when they need to look for people missing in water bodies.

SUPPORT AT HOME

Eshwar's wife Geetha says that she views her husband as performing a noble task by helping others. "In fact, whenever he gets a call to rescue people or retrieve the dead from water, I insist that he rush without delay. We may have disabled kids, who need extra attention. But I confidently assure him not to worry, and I will take care of them till his return. What is more sacred and satisfying in life than helping others?" she expresses.

'It's praiseworthy'

Appreciating Eshwar's work, Malpe Police Sub-Inspector Shakthivelu says, "He treats helping others as his duty. His service to society is praiseworthy."

In a span of two decades, Eshwar has undertaken several death-defying missions.

He recalls an incident during the lockdown, when an Udupi-based hotel owner suffered losses and jumped into a river near Manipura-Udyavara. Eshwar received a phone call around 3am and rushed to the scene in minutes. It was pitch dark. With his senses alert, Eshwar noticed him trapped under a stone and dragged him to safety.

In another incident 10 years ago, Eshwar had saved a girl pursuing SSLC, who had jumped into the sea near Malpe. Having failed her exams, she had decided to end her life.

In yet another feat, Eshwar saved two deep-sea fishing trawlers adrift on the sea. The anchored boats were let loose after massive waves snapped the ropes which tethered them to shore. Eshwar, who earlier captained a fishing boat, found the trawlers near an estuary. With a friend's help, he saved both vessels from sinking.

Today, Eshwar receives calls seeking help to trace dead bodies, from places as far away as Gangolli, Karwar and Thadadi. Most of his operations involve two oxygen cylinders donated by Malpe Yantrika Society. He, however, expects someone to sponsor an oxygen refilling kit costing Rs 1.25 lakh. "If I get the kit, my job will become easier as I can prolong my operation," he remarks.

Despite difficulties at home, with his three children disabled from birth, money has never swayed him. "I am not in it for the money. I want God's blessings and at least my four-year-old daughter Brahmi, who is in a better condition than my two other kids, to walk," he prays.

A man on a mission for years, Eshwar underwent specialised scuba diving training in Kaup to heighten the precision and technicality of his task. With his resolve afloat, he's ready to dive in again.

Eshwar is a saviour for many in the region. His name is the first on anyone's mind when help is required to find someone missing or in danger in water.
Praveen Kurkalu, member of 'Sathyada Tuluver' - an Udupi-based youth organisation
Eshwar Malpe gets ready for an underwater mission
TWO DECADES OF DEDICATION
20 people rescued from drowning
200 bodies retrieved from the riverbed

COVID VOLUNTEERS RAISE FUNDS TO HELP AFFECTED FAMILIES

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

VOLUNTEERS in Karnataka, who have been in the forefront from the start of the pandemic, started an initiative to help families who lost their breadwinners during the second wave of the pandemic.

Between July and September, a total of Rs 1.35 crore was donated to over 450 beneficiaries. Each family received an amount of Rs 30,000 to meet their expenses.

COVID Helpline Bangalore, which compiled information on hospital beds, Covid testing centres and contacts of laboratories, partnered with GiveIndia to help the affected families.

The support was for the underprivileged families who lost their income earners to Covid-19.

The initiative was a one-time cash relief support that started in July this year.

Speaking to TNIE, **Ameen Mudassir**, Co-founder of COVID Helpline Bangalore, said, "We got in touch with the CEO of GiveIndia, who stated that they were willing to donate funds. Then, we shared a WhatsApp message, which stated people in need can fill an application on the covidhelplinebangalore.com website. We received several requests. Then, a back-end team checked the applications. The applicants were called and asked to submit their Aadhar Cards, RT-PCR reports, BPL cards and other relevant documents. After verification, the team sent the applications to GiveIndia, who further conducted the second round of verification before releasing the funds."

RESIDENTS INCONVENIENCED

Tech park to give plan on rebuilding ramps

Two ramps were knocked down for the construction of a flyover

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AFTER waiting and pleading for four months, the residents of Nagawara and Veerannapalya have something to rejoice. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) engineering wing has asked the administration of Manyata Tech Park to submit their drawings on Monday, for rebuilding of two ramps that were demolished for the construction of a flyover connecting the software park.

According to the residents, there were two ramps connecting Nagawara flyover and the service roads. They were used by the locals to avoid the rush at the signals.

"When the builders of Manyata Tech Park started constructing the flyover (or an arm) connecting the existing flyover to the tech park, our easy access to the layouts was cut-off. We made multiple representations to the BBMP and even requested the tech park management to address the issue. But they seem to have a callous attitude towards the needs of the citizens," pointed Sanjay Jangam, from Veerannapalya Resident Welfare Association (VRWA).

The members of Nagawara Resident Welfare Association (NRWA) stated that the tech park's administration is buying time stating that they need to see the drawings of the Namma Metro before constructing the ramps.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Chief Engineer Prahallad said that no memorandum of understanding was signed for demolishing the ramps. "We expect to get the drawings from the tech park on Monday," he added.

Residents protest against poor waste management

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RESIDENTS of Hulimanagala staged a protest on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi against the state government, district administration and panchayat for not providing basic facilities in the area.

Around 400 residents formed a human chain to protest against the officials for not constructing proper drainage system, bad roads and garbage menace.

"For the past four years, we have been demanding basic facilities be provided, but it fell onto deaf ears. So, for the first time, we decided to stage a protest. We had even approached Bengaluru South MLA Krishnappa, multiple times for help, but nothing has been done. The panchayat officials stated that they have no funds to address the issue," said Sajimon Chandran, a resident of the locality. There are over 10,000 flats in 15 apartment complexes.

Minister urges to work together for green cover

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FOREST Minister Umesh Katti urged citizens, Forest Department, farmers and the government, to work together to increase the green cover in the state from the existing 21 per cent to 33 per cent.

Speaking on the sidelines of the inauguration of the 67th Wildlife Week on Saturday, he said that farmers will be encouraged and incentivised to increase green cover. "Afforestation will also be taken up in fields and farm lands as it is linked with agricultural productivity," he added.

A walk was flagged off by Governor Thaawar Chand Gehlot, who also released a special stamp on the critically-endangered Humpbacked Mahseer fish.

As part of the week-long observations, plantation and awareness drives were held in tiger reserves and wildlife sanctuaries across Karnataka.

Vijayanagara is 31st district — Formally declaring Vijayanagara as the 31st district of the state on Saturday, CM Basavaraj Bommai said that both the Union and state governments will further develop tourism infrastructure in the new district. He said Rs 500 crore will be reserved for this project from the state's coffers

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

636 CASES REPORTED TODAY | 589 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

TOTAL CASES	
TODAY	29,77,225
YESTERDAY	29,76,589

DEATHS	
TODAY	13
YESTERDAY	14

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until October 2, 2021, a total of 29,77,225 cases have been reported in 1 year and 207 days...

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
745	887

Active cases

TODAY	12,356
YESTERDAY	12,469

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY	6.21%
YESTERDAY	6.23%

The day positivity rate – **0.37%** – is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of 100 tests conducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY	1.27%
YESTERDAY	1.27%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY	98.31%
YESTERDAY	98.30%

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

245 BENGALURU URBAN

8 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalkot	0
Ballari	2
Belagavi	10
Bidar	0
Chamarajanagar	6
Chikkaballapur	1
Chikkamagaluru	20
Chitradurga	4
Dakshina Kannada	100
Davanagere	2
Dharwad	3
Gadag	0
Hassan	44
Haveri	1
Kalaburagi	0
Kodagu	28
Kolar	7
Koppal	3
Mandya	13
Mysuru	44
Raichur	1
Ramanagara	2
Shivamogga	22
Tumakuru	30
Udupi	25
Uttara Kannada	14
Vijayapura	1
Yadgir	0

State records only 4 Covid deaths in a day

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KARNATAKA reported only four Covid-19 deaths on Saturday, one each from Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru Rural districts and two from Uttara Kannada. The case fatality ratio (CFR) for the day too remained low at 0.62%.

Over the past five days, the state anywhere between 13 to 20 daily deaths. With Saturday's addition, the total death count has now risen to 37,811.

On August 6, the state's CFR had increased to 1.26% and remained at that level till September 30. On October 1, it increased to 1.27% and remained so on October 2.

On Saturday, the state reported 636 fresh Covid-19 cases as againt 589 cases on October 1. The total positive cases now stand at 29,77,225. The positivity rate of the state has dipped to 6.31%.

Meanwhile, 745 discharges were reported on Saturday with the total now standing at 29,27,029. The recovery rate of the state has increased to 98.31%. The active cases stand at 12,356. On September 26, there were 13,213 active cases and there has been a steady dip since then.

Meanwhile, Bengaluru Urban reported 245 new cases with one death and 206 discharges. Bengaluru Urban was followed by Dakshina Kannada district with 100 fresh cases being reported on Saturday.

The total positive count is now 12,46,896 and total discharges are 12,23,069, the government data showed.

B'luru may not achieve 100 pc vax coverage by December-end

Some healthcare and frontline workers yet to be vaccinated, says an official

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WHILE the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has covered 85% of the city's population with the first dose of Covid-19 vaccine till October 1, only about 47% have received the second dose. This may make it difficult to achieve the target of 100% vaccination of the entire population in the city by December-end.

So far, 77,30,547 (85%) people in the city have been inoculated with the first dose while 43,03,401 (47%) have got the second dose. According to BBMP officials, the target is 91 lakhs as per the civic body records, while it is 94 lakhs as per the Health and Family Welfare (HFW) Department. Till October 1, a total of 1,20,33,948 doses have been administered.

In the priority group, 2,67,984 health care workers (HCWs) and 6,48,055 front line workers (FLWs) have been vaccinated. The HCWs were the first group to be inoculated when the vaccination drive began on January 16. However, a senior BBMP official claimed that both the HCWs and FLWs are still not 100% inoculated. "We still have some health care workers and front line workers to be vaccinated. Some have taken their doses very late. After pourakarmikas were included among

So far, 77,30,547 people in the city have been inoculated with the first dose | FILE

FLWs, a few do not want to take their second dose, while some haven't even come forward for the first dose," the official said.

As regards the 45-plus age group, 24,46,801 (95%) people have got the first dose and 16,93,575 (66%) have been given both doses. The second dose coverage is still lagging and might go on till January-end or February due to the long gap for the Covishield vaccine and many having taken their first dose only in September-end, BBMP officials pointed out.

Palike Special Commissioner (Health) Randeep D said, "We plan to cover at least 95% of the population by December-end and achieve 90% of second dose coverage in all the age groups. Many people have just recently taken their first dose, and going by the time interval of 84 days for the second dose of Covishield, the target is difficult to achieve by December-end. However, there are talks of reducing the dosage interval. If that happens, we can cover a majority of the population."

Among the 18-44 age group, only 46,86,412 (72%) have been vaccinated with the first dose while 21,91,121 (34%) have got both doses. "The coverage is low in this group as the vaccination started late. The setting up of block and lane level vaccination centres in all wards will help in hastening the vaccination process. We have over 4,000 blocks and the target is to cover the maximum numbers by November 15," Randeep added.

Dr H M Prasanna, president of the Private Hospitals and Nursing Association (PHANA), pointed out to the need for the government to rope in private centres for vaccination. "We have told the government that we can carry out vaccination drives in large numbers, as we have the space and even manpower. Earlier, we were charging only Rs 150-200 per person for the government-supplied vaccine doses. If this process was continued, we could have achieved bigger numbers. Despite requests to continue it, it hasn't been considered."

In all, 84 applications for Durga Puja pandals are pending approval

Palike awaits nod for Dasara pandals, vaccinating kids

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BRUHAT Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta on Saturday said that he was awaiting government nod before giving permission for Durga Puja pandals ahead of Dasara.

Admitting that 84 applications were pending approval, he said requisite directives are awaited. He was speaking to the media on the sidelines of an event organised to mark Gandhi Jayanti in the city.

On the issue of the vaccine availability and administration for children, Gupta said the government has so far not issued any directives. There have been discussions on administering vaccines to children aged between 12-18. There is no shortage of space to store and administer the vaccines. In a day, over two lakh doses can be administered and if permission is given, children can be vaccinated either at the ward, block or even school level, he said.

On breakthrough infections, Gupta said BBMP staff and health workers are now keeping daily records of cases being reported, those reaching hospitals and ICUs. A check is also being done to ascertian how many people are vaccinated, received the first dose and how many took the second one. It has been found that so far, 14-15 per cent of the people still need to take the vaccine. It has also been found that while some are reluctant, some others need to be advised by religious leaders and even NGOs, he pointed out.

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Gaurav Gupta, Chief Commissioner, BBMP

COVID BYTES

Under pandemic shadow, no Dasara procession this year in Mangaluru

Mangaluru: In the wake of Covid-19, no procession will be carried out on public roads and instead it will be taken out on the Kudroli Sri Gokarnatha temple premises. Addressing a press meet, temple committee chairman HS Sairam said, "Dasara will be organised as per the guidelines issued by the Deputy Commissioner. Except the procession, all other religious rituals will take place as usual. The cultural programmes will be broadcasted live on local television channels. The Mahanavami celebrations will begin from 9 am on October 7 with Kalasha Prathishte and other rituals. ENS

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Detailed information may be downloaded from **www.manipur.gov.in**

Last date of submission of Application: **11.10.2021**

Sd/- (Roji Rajkumari),
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Possession Notice Appendix IV (rule8 (1) of the SARFAESI Act

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **demand notice dated 31-05-2021 calling upon the borrowers 1.Mrs. SHASHIKALA, 2.Mr. RAMAPPA, And 3. Mr. GOVIND to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being for Home Construction Loan No: AYELAH0037756 of Rs.11,05,507/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Five Thousand Five Hundred & Seven Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **"Symbolic Possession"** of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rule **on this 30th day of September 2021.**

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The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

Description of the Immovable property:-

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property being Northern Portion of property bearing No.1/4, Old V.P Khatha No. 1/4, old BBMP Khatha No. 421, New BBMP khatha S.L No. 545 situated at Basavanapura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, presently Comes under the Limits of BBMP, measuring East to West 30Ft and North to South 22+14.3/2 in all totally measuring 544.5 Sq.ft and **bounded On: Boundaries: North By:** Property belongs to Ramachandrappa, **South By:** Remaining Portion of Same Number belongs to Venkatesh, **East By:** Property belongs to Ramappa, **West By:** Road.

Date: 30.09.2021 — Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Bangalore — Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd

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To, 1. Mr. K.Manjunath, E-865, Balajinagar, Near Hebbagudi, Biocon Factory Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560099. **2. Mr. Krishnappa M,** E-865, balajinagar, near Hebbagudi, Biocon Factory Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560099. **3. Mrs. Mala N,** Sy.No.44/44, Behind Biocon Factory, Hebbagudi Village, Balaji Nagar, Electronic City Bengaluru-560099.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES (APPENDIX-IV-A)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the **Bank of Maharashtra,** the **Physical possession** of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Bank of Maharashtra,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 21.10.2021 from 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM,** for recovery of the balance due to the Bank of Maharashtra from the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) as mentioned in the table. Details of the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s, amount due,Short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under. **EMD to be deposited by 3 pm on 20.10.2021.** Bid multiplier is **Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousands only).** EMD is to be deposited through NEFT / RTGS in the **Account No 60263732506 - Name of the A/c: (Asset Recovery Branch Bidding Account) with our City Market Branch, Bangalore. Name of the Beneficiary: Bank of Maharashtra A/c-PROPERTY SL NO. & NAME OF THE BORROWER (as the case may be) IFS Code: MAHB0000304** or by way of demand draft drawn in favour of **Bank of Maharashtra** - PROPERTY SL No. & NAME OF THE BORROWER (as the case may be), AND on any Nationalized or scheduled Bank, **payable at Bangalore.**

S. No.	Name of Borrower and Guarantor	Amount Due	Short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances	Possession Type	Reserve Price/ Earnest Money Deposit
1	**1) Mr. K.Manjunath**, E-865, balajinagar, Near Hebbagudi, Biocon Factory Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560099. **2) MrKrishnappa M,** E-865, balajinagar, Near Hebbagudi, Biocon Factory Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560099. **3) Mrs. Mala N,** Sy.No.44/44, Behind Biocon Factory Hebbagudi Village, Balaji Nagar, Electronic City Bengaluru-560099.	**Rs.1,09,32,617/-** plus interest @10.20% thereon w.e.f. 17.11.2016 plus unapplied interest, costs, charges and expenses thereon.	All the Piece and parcel of land along with building constructed at 44/4A of Hebbagudi Village, Balaji Nagar, behind Biocon factory, Electronic city Post, Bangalore-560100 **and bounded as follows: North:** Road, **East:** Land of Munniyappa, **West:** Land of Munishami, **South:** Land of Krishnappa.	**Symbolic**	Rs.164.20 lakhs EMD of Rs.16.42 Lakhs

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link **"https://www.bankofmaharashtra.in/propsale.asp"**provided in the Bank's website and also Bank's approved service provider E-Bikray **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.**

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Please treat this also as a notice under Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower(s) and guarantor(s), Mortgagor(s) of the secured debt mentioned above regarding holding the sale on the above mentioned date and time if their outstanding dues mentioned above are not paid in full.

Date: 29.09.2021, Place: Bengaluru — Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager, Bank of Maharashtra

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Punjab National Bank, SASTRA, Bengaluru – East, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 read with the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notice calling upon the Borrowers/ Guarantors/mortgagors mentioned below to repay the dues within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower's/mortgagor's having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 as stated herein below.

The borrower/s in particular and public in general is hereby **cautioned not to deal** with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Punjab National Bank**, for an amount mentioned below with further interest and expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-Section (8) of the section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

S. No.	Name of the Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors Branch / Account Nos.	Date of Demand / Possession & Amount Due	Description of Properties
1.	Borrower : M/s Aldrich Glass and Engineering Prop. Zakira Begum, Ms. Lubna Tabussam, Ms. Umme Ayman, Mr.Syed Mohajid Pasha and Mr. Syed Mudasir Fraser Town OBC (127710) 12775015001065	21.05.2021 / 30.09.2021 as on 30.04.2021 Rs.4,38,312.00 and further interest and other expenses from 01.05.2021	Em over property No.4B, Assessment no 131/2, New BBMP No 33, PID 95-426-33 at II Main ,4th cross, Anwar Layout, Shampura Main Road via tannery road, Bangalore-560045, measuring East To West 38 feet and North to South 18 feet. Property bounded on the **East by :** Private property of Sri Basha, **West by** : 20 feet road, **North by** : Private Property and **South by** : Private property of Sri Shakeel.
2.	Borrower : Mrs.Amreen Shaikh and Mr. Shaik Irshad Ahmed Indiranagar OBC (105710) 1477300003339	26.05.2021 / 30.09.2021 as on 31.03.2021 Rs.23,65,794.00 and further interest and other expenses from 01.04.2021	Equitable mortgage of Residential Flat no 203 in the 1st floor of the apartment building known as 'Star woods' having a superbuilt up area 750 sq ft and corresponding UDS of 187.50 sq ft constructed on the property bearing Municipal No.5, (Formerly house list no 5, Khata no 38, Cholanayakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, (old Corporation No. 53), PID No. 96-127-53, situated at 5th cross, Gopalappa Layout, New Ward no. 22, R T Nagar, Bengaluru-560032. Land of 1500 sq ft, N S 50 feet and E W 30 feet and land bounded on the **East by** : House List no 4, **West by** : House list No. 6, **North by** : Private property and **South by** : Road.
3.	Borrower : Shri. Mohan H Prop : Bhoomika Hardware and Mrs R Renuka, W/o H Mohan Chickpet PNB (095300) 0953008700020981	28.05.2021 / 30.09.2021 as on 31.03.2021 Rs.19,79,373.58 and further interest and other expenses from 01.04.2021	EM over land of 1620 sq ft {E-W(38+43)/2 N-S 40 ft}and building of 3611 sq ft {GF-1167 sqft, FF and SF-1222 sq ft each}at No.4 Purnasree Nilaya Khata no 1050/4, Sy No.05, Shidedahalli Village, 6th main, 1st cross, MHR Layout, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore-560073 and bounded on **East by** : 30 feet Road, **West by** : Pai & Pai Garden, **North by** : Private Property and **South by** : Site.No.5.
4.	Borrower : Mrs.Pushpavathi M, Mr H V Moodlappa and Mr Subramanya H M Jayanagar PNB (099010) 09905086000028	17.05.2021 / 30.09.2021 as on 31.03.2021 Rs.21,81,193.00 and further interest and other expenses from 01.04.2021	House property with aggregate built up area of 1092 sq feet (Ground, first and second floor) over land of 387.50 square feet property bearing No.16, presently bearing New No.16/2, PID No. 47-118-16/2 situated at Cubbonpet, 11th Cross, Bangalore 560002 ward No.47, Dharmarayaswamy Temple, measuring East to West 12.5 feet, North to South 31 feet with residential building thereon and bounded on the **East by** : Venkataswamappa House, **West by** : G. Ramaswamappa's House, **North by** : Road and **South by** : Chinamma's House.
5.	Borrower : M/s Sand and Soil Infra LLP Kormangala OBC (111810) 11184011000177	31.05.2021 / 30.09.2021 as on 31.05.2021 Rs.1,05,73,922.66 and further interest and other expenses from 01.06.2021	Flat bearing No.3A, New No. 44/18-12, PID No. 77-109-44/18-12, 3 rd floor, Bharat Delux Apartment, Fairfield Layout (Race Course Road), Devaraj Urs Road, Bangalore-560001 having super built up area of 1905 sq ft with common entrance of the ground floor, with open car parking space inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift, staircase and other areas of common use and bounded on the **East by** : Private Property, **West by** : Property of Mr. Maheshwari, **North by** : Property of Mr. Agrawal, **South by** : Fair field road.

Date : 30.09.2021
Place : Bangalore

For Punjab National Bank (SECURED CREDITOR)
(V S Sundara Raman)
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Leader of Opposition Siddaramiah accused the BJP of trying to silence those who spoke against its leaders and the Union Government. Speaking at a programme to mark Gandhi Jayanti at the KPCC office, the former CM said that BJP leaders do not respect Gandhian values. "They made Nathuram Godse, who killed Gandhi, a patriot... On the other hand, those who talk against the BJP or Modi are sent to jail on sedition charges," he said

SUNDAY INTERVIEW

'BOMMAI WORKING UNDER THREE HIGH COMMANDS'

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

LEADER of the Opposition, Siddaramaiah, exuded confidence that Congress will win both the Sindagi and Hanagal Assembly segments saying that there is "huge anti-incumbency" against the BJP. While defending his controversial comments likening the RSS to the Taliban, he said he will contest from Badami in 2023 and there is no question of changing constituencies. He even termed Basavaraj Bommai as the weakest CM caught between three high commands — the BJP, the RSS and B S Yediyurappa.

How do you rate the Congress' chances in Hanagal and Sindagi?
The Congress will surely win the by-elections. There is huge anti-incumbency against BJP due to their failure to understand the needs of the common man. Rise in prices of petrol and other essential commodities have dented household finances. The government has also totally failed in managing the pandemic and flood relief.

A revamp is happening in the Congress after 12-years. Amid this, there is talk of differences between KPCC president D K Shivakumar and you?
It's all just speculation. We are working together to strengthen the party at all levels and to expose the failures of the BJP. A lot is happening on the ground and the result will be seen in the upcoming elections.

How do you respond to the developments within the party in Punjab?
The party high command will be more aware of the actual developments and decide what is best for the future of our party and people. A Dalit has been appointed CM in Punjab now and I am sure he will lead the government successfully in the run-up to the Assembly election.

How do you rate Basavaraj Bommai as CM, now that he has completed 2 months?
He is just a rubber stamp of B S Yediyurappa. I have no hope in him and do not believe that magic will happen under his governance. Corruption is still going on and I am sure people will see through it. I initially expected him to work to strengthen democracy, but the just-concluded Assembly session has exposed their insecurity. He is the weakest CM, torn between three high commands – the party central leadership, the RSS and BS Yediyurappa.

Yediyurappa has said that Modi's name alone is not enough to win all polls. Do you think Modi's popularity has waned?
I want to look at it from two angles. Firstly, Modi's popularity has definitely gone down after 7-years of miserable failure, his megalomaniac projections have now collapsed. No amount of PR will bring him back in good light. Yediyurappa may have understood this. Secondly, Yediyurappa is angry with the high command for getting him to step down. He may be waging an internal war.

Do you foresee early elections in the state?
We are currently working for the 2023 pollss and we will not indulge in activities that may be directed towards destabilising the government. But there are more chances of BJP leaders themselves trying to bring the government.

There is speculation that you will change your constituency?
I am elected from Badami and will contest from there again.

You have referred to the RSS as following Taliban culture?
My opinion is more strengthened based on media reports. We have seen incidents of violence initiated by the RSS and in moral policing. They speak of changing the Constitution and do not believe in secularism or universal brotherhood. They are the perfect embodiment of Taliban culture.

Why do you think the BBMP polls are being delayed?
The BJP is scared that they will lose the BBMP elections. They are trying to change the reservations and rig the voting structure. We will definitely fight against their conspiracy and win BBMP to deliver sustainable and inclusive development.

The JDs is making plans to win 123 seats. How do you view this?
Let's wait and see.

BJP meeting to shortlist bypoll candidates

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@ Bengaluru

THE Bharatiya Janata Party state core committee meeting on Sunday afternoon will shortlist the names of candidates for the bypolls to Hanagal and Sindagi Assembly segments to be held on October 30, said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday.

"We will take into consideration the opinions of local leaders and senior office-bearers at the district-level. After deliberations, the list will be sent to the high command," Bommai said, expressing confidence that the party will win both Hanagal and Sindagi Assembly segments. The meeting will also decide on the ministers and office-bearers to be in charge of the bypolls at the two constituencies.

The last date to file nominations is October 8.

On Haveri Lok Sabha member Shivakumar Udasi's wife Revathi being the frontrunner to contest from Hanagal, Bommai said the matter will be discussed at the core committee meeting.

Revathi is the daughter-in-law of the late CM Udasi, whose demise necessitated the Hanagal bypoll.

On the row over setting up of the Constitutional Club in Bengaluru, Bommai said that it is a decade-old project and leaders of all political parties were taken into confidence. "A committee formed to study the issue has submitted the report. We will not set up the club overnight," he added.

We will take into consideration the opinions of local leaders and senior office-bearers at the district-level. After deliberations, the list will be sent to the high command

Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister

'People ending lives post-Covid a concern'

Bommai said that families committing suicide post-Covid is a matter of concern. His reaction came after a woman ended her life along with her two children on the outskirts of Bengaluru on Friday. Her husband, a BMTC employee, died of Covid last year. "Several factors, including social, economic and personal, might result in people committing suicide. It is not a solution. People have to come together to help each other in difficult times," he said.

State Cong sends names of probables to high command

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KARNATAKA Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president DK Shivakumar on Saturday said that the party state unit has sent a shortlist of probable candidates for the Sindagi and Hanagal Assembly bypolls to the party high command, after holding consultations with local leaders. The bypolls will be held on October 30 and the last date to file nominations is October 8.

Shivakumar said that while central leaders will take a final decision on the candidates, the party has already started working in both the constituencies. Senior Congress leaders are holding a meeting in Sindagi on October 4, while Shivakumar, Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah and other leaders will there on October 8 when the party candidate files the nomination papers. A similar meeting of party leaders at Hanagal will be on October 7.

Srinivas Mane and Manohar Tahsildar are said to be the frontrunners for the party ticket from Hanagal.

Shivakumar refused to comment on JDS fielding minority community candidates at both seats. "It is their political strategy and we don't have to discuss it. We will do our work," he said.

Responding to former DyCM Dr G Parameshwar's remarks that like in Punjab, Congress will make a Dalit the chief minister in Karnataka after the 2023 Assembly polls, Shivakumar said the party central leaders will decide on such issues. "Parameshwar has worked as the party state president. He knows what to talk and what not to talk," the Kanakapura MLA added.

It is their (JDS) political strategy (fielding Minority candidates) and we don't have to discuss it. We will do our work

DK Shivakumar, KPCC president

What is wrong in giving tickets to well-educated candidates from the Minority community. We are free to decide our candidates

HD Kumaraswamy, JDS leader and ex-CM

Not in politics to favour anyone: Kumaraswamy

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JANATA Dal Secular leader and former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy hit out at his party critics, who accused it of trying to divide minority votes to help the Bhratiya Janata Party, by saying they are not in politics to favour anyone.

"Who are they they to dictate us? We are free to decide our candidates," Kumaraswamy said responding to allegations by Congress. "Look at our situation. If we give tickets to Muslims, they accuse us of favouring BJP. If we give it to OBC, they say it is against Congress and if we field Lingayats, they say it is done to defeat BJP. We are not here to favour BJP or Congress. We are working on our own strategy," Kumaraswamy told *The New Sunday Express*.

The regional party is fielding Naziya Shakeel Ahmed Angadi and Niyaz Shaikh as its candidates from Sindagi and Hanagal Assembly segments, respectively, for the October 30 bypolls. Kumaraswamy said they are sure of winning in Sindagi and confident of giving a good fight in Hanagal. "What is wrong in giving tickets to well-educated candidates from the Minority community. In fact, by terming JDS as the BJP B-team, Siddaramaiah and other Congress leaders helped BJP win 105 seats in last elections... otherwise we would have won 60-65 seats and BJP would have got 70-75," he added.

Realising the Herculean task ahead, JDS has already started preparing for the 2023 Assembly polls and even identified potential candidates. "I have taken it as a challenge to bring the party to power. We have 17 months to prepare for it," he said.

Meanwhile, the four-day workshop organised by the JDS for its leaders to reorient them for the electoral fight in idadi on the outskirts of Bengaluru has been extended by two more days. On leaders quitting the JDS, Kumaraswamt said, "We are not worried about some leaders leaving the party as we have alternative candidates in those constituencies."

Congress workers, leaders from HD Kote join JDS

On Saturday, several Congress leaders and workers from HD Kote in Mysuru joined the JDS in the presence of former CM HD Kumaraswamy. Over 600 leaders and 3,000 workers from the Congress joined the JDS, read a statement issued by the party.

Kharge terms 2019 defeat BJP-RSS conspiracy

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OPPOSITION leader in the Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, on Saturday said that it was not the people who defeated him in the last Lok Sabh election, but that it was a conspiracy hatched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and the RSS.

Interacting for the first time with the public and Congress activists after his shock defeat in the 2019 Lok Sabha election from Kalaburagi, Kharge, who was accorded a rousing welcome by the Kalaburagi district party unit, said that when he was the Opposition leader in the Lok Sabha, the PM had indirectly challenged him during a Parliament session to win the election. This clearly shows the Prime Minister, Home Minister and the RSS played a major role in his defeat, he claimed. Kharge said that the people of Kalaburagi believed the lies of BJP rather than trusting him while exercising their franchise.

Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge arrives at the felicitation venue in Kalaburagi on Saturday | EXPRESS

Kharge, who arrived to Kalaburagi after 16 months, assured the people that henceforth, he would visit the district frequently and continue to fight for the cause of the people.

The people of the district have elected him continuously for 49 years, either to the State Assembly or to Parliament, but Modi prevented him from becoming a public representative for half a century, he lamented.

Kharge said that it has become a habit for BJP leaders to question what the Congress has done for the country though it ruled for seven decades. "Whatever the country has achieved till date is due to the work done by the Congress governments. Let the BJP leaders tell the people their government has done in the last seven years. Prices of petroleum products and other essentials hvae increased manifold. By bringing the farm Laws, the BJP government has hit the farmer," he alleged.

'Farm owners push people from own community to work at solar park'

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"OUR men are not employed at the Solar Park. Large farm owners have their labour agents, who send men and women from their own community to the park for work. We are tired of requesting for even basic amenities like toilets. We have no option but to send even our teenage daughters for open defecation," said Kamalamma from the same village.

A good number of farm labourers, who do not own land, have been demanding that they be given work, like cutting the grass or cleaning the panels, at the Solar Park. But, they allege, the company is not hiring them. A very few have been employed as security personnel who get a salary of Rs 12,000 per month.

When TNSE visited the villages, many farmers who had leased their land to the project seemed happy and content with Rs 23,000 given per acre. But many women are unhappy and ask how small landholders, with just 2-3 acres of land could survive with the lease amount. They said such farmers still have to find work.

Several elderly men, once landlords, said that Pavagada taluk once grew best sweet lime, groundnut, custard apple and tur dal, which were sent to Bengaluru. They even had groundnut oil mills.

But though rainfall reduced, farming activity, along with dairy farming and sericulture, continued. But not even a trace of those occupations is seen in any of the villages now. The usual sight in villages of cattle tied in front of houses is missing as there are no green patches. "Since cows have gone missing, the villagers are getting milk in sachets, which was unheard of earlier," said Shivappa from Acchamanahalli.

"Many farmers who have leased out 5 acres or more are getting a good income. But the government should have ensured that those who did not have land were also given employment or trained in some skills. We can see alcoholism and a sense of laziness among majority of men in these villages," said a senior official from Pavagada.

Siddappa (name changed), who owns 20 acres of land gets Rs 4.6 lakh per annum. He neither spends money on his farm or farm labourers, like earlier. He does not have to go to his farm nor is he worried about rain or drought. Since he started getting a steady income, he has built a bigger house.

With no physically demanding farm work, the health of villagers has started deteriorating and many are suffering from lifestyle diseases like diabetes and hypertension. Though the villagers now have better roads, regular power supply and streetlights, they are deprived of amenities like drinking water and toilets. Like most parts of Pavagada, these villages depend on borewell, which has excess fluoride content that results in discolouration of teeth and other ailments. Many households do not have proper toilets, forcing villagers to practice open defecation.

Prof TV Ramachandra from the Centre for Ecological Sciences at Indian Institute of Science said that when governments take up such projects, they should ensure community engagement. "The issue of co-benefits is not something that comes about naturally. It has to be prompted. These villagers can be given alternative land in other places or trained in some skills to make them employable," he advised.

Agreeing that it is not all rosy for even big farm owners, several of whom have been cheated by agents, G Narasimha Reddy, president of the Pavagada Taluk Raiha Sangha, said, "Every minister promises employment for locals, but nothing has happened. Very few locals have been employed, while others have been shooed away, saying the company needs people with technical skills. But one can see labourers from Tamil Nadu and North India being employed even for menial jobs like cutting the grass and cleaning the panels."

Production by masses needed, says Bommai

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Emphasising on the need to imbibe the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, while stressing on the need to create jobs, promised rejuvenation of Khadi and gramodyog by chalking out special programmes.

He was speaking at an event organised to mark Gandhi Jayanti on Saturday. He observed that Gandhi's concept of production by masses was more important than mass production. He said Gandhi's mantra of jobs for all was relevant in the 21st century. Bommai also presented Gandhi Seva award to Siddaganga Mutt and freedom fighter Meeratayi Koppikar.

While taking part in the 117th birth anniversary celebrations of former PM Lal Bahadur Shastri, Bommai said, "People of north Karnataka are indebted to him as he had laid the foundation for Almatti dam."

VOCAL FOR LOCAL

CM, ministers go shopping for Khadi

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LEADERS from the ruling dispensation not just visited Khadi Gramodyog units across the state to mark Gandhi Jayanti, they also did their bit to promote Khadi by doing some shopping on Saturday. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai purchased Khadi products, including sarees for his wife, while other ministers and leaders purchased kurtas and waistcoats. Khadi Gramodyog recorded Rs 1.21 crore sales in the day.

In an effort to push the sale of Khadi and help weavers who are in distress due to the pandemic and lockdowns, Small-Scale Industries Minister M T B Nagaraj had written letters to all elected representatives, including ministers, to buy Khadi products from Khadi Gramodyog stores. In his letter, he also mentioned that there are over 20,000 weavers in the state.

Taking the cue, Basavaraj Bommai, along with ministers Govind Karajol, M T B Nagaraj and others, visited the Khadi emporium on Kumara Krupa Road. Bommai is said to have shopped for about Rs 16,000, picking up sarees for his wife and white and cream kurta material for himself. In a tweet, the CM said, "Let us remember our Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi's words from his latest Mann Ki Baat. Let's be Vocal For Local. I was delighted to shop at Khadi Gramodyog as Khadi is not just a good natural fabric, but also a huge symbol of Atmanirbhar Bharat."

CM Basavaraj Bommai buys a saree from Khadi Emporium on Kumara Krupa Road in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

The CM also got BJP state vice-president B Y Vijayendra to buy Khadi garments. The duo also got minister Karjol to make purchases. Minister B Sriramulu picked up five Khadi shirts, dothis and towels along with a few more items. Animal Husbandary Minister Prabhu Chavan purchased shirt and trouser material and some other pieces of garment. He also bought Khadi clothes for the party workers who had accompanied him to the Khadi bandar at Bidar, his home district.

Pure Khadi campaign: Bommai

When the CM was at the Khadi emporium, Prasanna, founder of Charaka, told him about fake Khadi clothes which are rampant in the market. Bommai assured him to conduct a pure Khadi campaign and create awareness among people.

Residents outside a makeshift toilet built by them at Vallur village in Pavagada taluk, Tumakuru district | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

TTD Chairman YV Subba Reddy along with the TTD EO Dr KS Jawahar Reddy on Saturday invited the Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to participate in the inaugural event of SVBC Kannada channel on October 11

IS CRYPTO A THREAT TO FIAT CURRENCY? OR FUTURE OF MONEY?

SOME CRYPTO STATS
*Over 12,000 crypto currencies exist today
*Total crypto market cap: $1.96 trillion
LEGAL HURDLES
In 2017, a top-level inter-ministerial committee was set up to analyse issues associated with virtual currencies and propose appropriate actions. The committee's 2019 report highlights several risks associated with such decentralized virtual currencies by private parties, including risks of volatility, lack of regulation, technology-based risks such as phishing and Ponzi schemes, illegal and criminal use (such as terrorist financing and money laundering)
EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

As we understand, any currency needs to have some basic character so that investors have faith/ confidence in it. As our regular currency, it should be legal tender, a medium of exchange and store of value. In the case of cryptocurrency, we are not sure what is the asset/liability that backs it and it is clearly not regulated. Investors need to understand that while they are seeing huge returns, equally if not more, the risk is also building behind such returns and that too without any backing of assets. With the CBDC becoming more or less a reality, one could see that they are regulated and have the backing of a central bank. Legalising the existing cryptos could make the overall money supply in the economy unpredictable and unmanageable, especially when it leads to larger inflationary pressure in the economy. There are other security issues that are already discussed extensively, such as cross-border movement of unaccounted money and the movement of resources that could result in internal security issues, etc.

Prof Bhanumurthy, Vice-chancellor, Dr BR Ambedkar School of Economics

In June this year, the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) had issued a show cause notice to WazirX under Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999, involving cryptocurrency transactions worth Rs 2,790.74 crore. The ED said that it had initiated the probe on the basis of a money laundering investigation into Chinese-owned illegal online betting applications. In his reply, WazirX CEO Nischal Shetty had said that they were "in compliance with all applicable laws."

BITCOIN WAS FIRST USED TO BUY PIZZA

On May 22, 2010, Florida resident Laszlo Hanyecz spent 10,000 Bitcoins at Papa John's to buy himself two pizzas. Back then, his Bitcoins were worth only $40. But, since the crypto currency was a non-entity in the commercial world, Hanyecz reached out to the Bitcointalk community and openly traded his Bitcoins to anyone who would buy him these pizzas

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

SATOSHI Nakamoto, the pseudonymous person or persons' goal behind inventing Bitcoin — the first decentralized form of digital currency in 2008 — was to create an electronic peer-to-peer cash system without any intermediaries such as the government financial system or a company. Nakamoto's white paper on Bitcoin stated that the transactions would be tracked through a blockchain, a ledger, like those used by financial institutions, except that this ledger would be distributed across an entire network, with exact duplicates held by all participants and visible to all, secured by cryptographic means. There would never be more than 21 million Bitcoins, the mythical Nakamoto had vouched.

With a value of little over a single cent back then (2008), Bitcoin today has become the fastest asset to reach a market cap of $1 trillion, according to a recently published secondary research paper on the CryptoTech market in India.

There are around 15 million Indians who have invested in crypto currencies worth Rs 1,500 crore and there are 350 start-ups that operate in the blockchain and crypto space. This despite the fact that private cryptocurrency is under no government regulation and remains a grey area.

RED-FLAGGED

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has consistently red-flagged private cryptocurrency and the impact of this burgeoning unregulated decentralised financial 'asset' as a potential threat to financial stability of the country. '"We have serious and major concerns on cryptocurrency, which we have conveyed to the government," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said last month. In February this year, he had voiced his concern on the issue.

In 2018, the RBI had banned trading of cryptocurrency, which was later overruled by the Supreme Court. The Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2021 which is expected to formalise 'Central Bank Digital Currency' (CBDC) as a legal digital currency, is in the final stages.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, on August 16, had stated that the Union Cabinet was soon expected to take up a Bill to regulate cryptocurrency and its rising market in India. An inter-ministerial panel, headed by former finance secretary Subhash Chandra Garg, recently submitted a report seeking a ban on cryptocurrencies and authorising a digital currency of the RBI.

Cryptocurrency has also been flagged by law enforcement agencies for use in illegal and criminal activities like money laundering, illegal fundraising, fraud, pyramid schemes and drug trafficking. China recently banned trading in cryptocurrency raising concerns around its energy-intensive mining and national security.

INVESTORS VOUCH FOR IT

The voices of change in the age of digitisation, however, defy the conservative logic of 'safety' in financial instruments and urge the government to allow people to exploit their money to best use as they deem fit. Crypto investors vouch for its underlying blockchain application, which makes all transactions verifiable and immutable.

It is largely because of the blockchain technology, supported by Know Your Customer (KYC) norms, that cryptocurrency has positioned itself globally as an alternative financial system that does not require a centralized authority and helps users own money and make secure payments anonymously.

"Let the government tax cryptocurrency like commodities or assets, but allow trade,"

said Dr Akash Rajpal (47), who vouches for investment in cryptocurrency. "I look at it as a hedge and with a high-risk reward angle. I put about 5-10 per cent of my investments in crypto and only in underlying fundamental coins," says Rajpal.

He was first introduced to crypto at Singularity University, NASA, in 2012 when it was trading at $3. "I was interested in it due to the underlying blockchain concept," he added.

The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), in association with WazirX, the largest cryptocurrency exchange in the country, in its just-released report titled 'Crypto Industry in India', has shed light on how the Indian cryptocurrency market is on an exponential rise. "As more and more young Indian investors are excited to explore newer investment options, they are adopting cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin, Ethereum and Polygon to make investments that promise them viable returns," the report states.

One of the key prognosis of the Nasscom report is that the CryptoTech industry will reach $241 million by 2030 in India, and $2.3 billion by 2026 globally. According to the report, more than 60 per cent of states in India are emerging as cryptotech adopters and, with over 15 million retail investors, the industry is increasingly attracting start-ups to adopt cryptotech.

ATTRACTIVE TO GEN-Z

What makes cryptocurrencies attractive to risk prone Gen-Z is its transparency, decentralised character and volatility. The value of cryptocurrency is completely notional and dependent on faith. The price follows the laws of demand and supply. In the absence of regulatory control and oversight, market manipulation can occur, which introduces volatility.

"Crypto is primed to take our Prime Minister's Digital India mission forward. In fact, our number of users from Tier-II and Tier-III cities have grown by 2,648 per cent and contributed to 55 per cent of total sign-ups on WazirX in 2021," said Nischal Shetty, CEO, WazirX. "Crypto has immense potential to contribute to our $5 trillion economy vision, and in the coming years, we'll see crypto overcome the financial barriers for rural India, create access to jobs," he added.

HOW CAN YOU BUY CRYPTO IN INDIA?

Sign up on a crypto exchange or download the app	Complete KYC (verify ID, address proof, bank account etc.)	Deposit money instantly (via online banking)	Buy any crypto. You can either hold it on a long-term basis or trade it

Crypto market operates 24x7 and you can sell your crypto at any time you want and withdraw rupees.

FYI: You don't have to buy a whole Bitcoin, which is worth around Rs 34 lakh. You can buy a fraction of BTC (or any crypto) for as low as Rs 100

STEPS TO TAKE BEFORE INVESTING IN CRYPTO

- Do thorough due diligence
- Read a project's whitepaper and its use cases, roadmap and progress
- Check the team's background, their social media activity
- Check if it's listed on legitimate exchanges
- Invest based on risk appetite

BITCOIN AS AN INVESTMENT OPTION?

- Fixed supply of 21 million, i.e., only 21 million Bitcoins will ever be created
- Digital asset which is not limited to any country, or entity, but available to anyone around the globe
- Slowly emerging as an alternative asset class which offers a high-risk, high-reward investment option
- Important to understand the high-risk high-reward aspect and invest based on risk appetite

BIG RELIEF

30% salary hike for TN health staff

ENS @ Chennai

IN a huge relief to health staff on contract in Tamil Nadu, the government has announced a 30 per cent salary hike that will apply from the month of May, when the DMK assumed power.

Speaking at Guindy in Chennai on Saturday, Health Minister Ma Subramanian said as many as 28,100 staff, including doctors, nurses, and assistants, will benefit from this hike, which will cost the government about ₹89 crore annually. Ayush doctors and dental medical officers who used to earn ₹26,000 will now receive ₹34,000 per month, and salary for staff nurses has been hiked from ₹14,000 to ₹18,000.

Meanwhile, speaking about vaccination against Covid-19, the minister said, "We have used more than 1 crore doses so far, and we will cross our targets in special camps." The Union government had sent a data on Friday that showed TN had administered the first dose to 62 per cent of its eligible population, he added.

"The World Health Organisation (WHO) says if we vaccinate 70 per cent people, we are safe. We will achieve this target by the end of October," said Subramanian, adding that about 20 per cent people had also received the second dose. "People who now need the second shot of Covaxin can also come and take it. You can get it near your houses," he added.

'Passenger's body language raised doubts'

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"THE body language of the passenger aroused suspicion among the cops and they put him on watch immediately. As soon as the train reached Hindupur station around 4 pm, he alighted and started moving in the opposite direction from the cops who also got down there, " the source explained.

Assistant Sub-Inspector Tanuja MP, heading the team, immediately alerted her team members to surround him. "He was cornered at the platform after a chase of around 600 metres. He was taken to the RPF post at Yesvantpur by road around 9.30 pm. On sustained interrogation by top cops, he claimed that he was only a carrier of the drug to be delivered to someone in Odisha. The consignment was sealed in a packet inside the bag."

Divisional Railway Manager, Bengaluru Division, Shyam Singh lauded the RPF for the work.

HC quashes death for POCSO accused

Bengaluru: Expressing displeasure over the manner in which a court proceeded and concluded a trial and imposed capital punishment on an accused in a POCSO case, the Karnataka High Court set aside the judgement passed by the II Additional District and Sessions Judge, Kolar on January 17, 2020. Venkateshappa, 62-year-old from a Kolar village, allegedly sexually assaulted a 12-year-old girl, when her parents were out for work. The court observed that the trial court rejected the application of the accused, where he volunteered for a DNA test. Apart from that, it does not support the conclusions drawn by the trial court. **ENS**

Drug syndicate using food delivery agents busted

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THE Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Bengaluru Zonal Unit (BZU), has busted a drug-delivery syndicate operating in the city. "We apprehended seven persons under the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act and seized 140kg of high-grade ganja worth Rs 5,20,000. The syndicate was using delivery partners of Swiggy," said Director, NCB, BZU, Amit Ghawate.

On September 30, NCB intercepted two persons, both from Bengaluru, while they were taking delivery of eight boxes of drugs from a courier vehicle. "Thorough examination of the boxes revealed that about 137 kg of high-grade ganja was packed in paper packets and wrapped with adhesive tapes. Searches on the residential premises of the accused resulted in the recovery of Rs 4.81 lakh cash. One delivery boy from Swiggy was also apprehended," said Ghawate.

"Residential premises of another accused was searched in Bengaluru and about 3 kg of ganja was recovered which was packed in small packets with specific markings. The NCB also recovered Rs 39,000 cash," he added. On October 1, the NCB apprehended the drug supplier from Hyderabad and two other key persons.

RIGHT TO EDUCATION

PARENTS PROTEST, SEEK CLARITY ON SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @ Bengaluru

Parents of students from 20 schools, majority from CBSE and ICSE, gathered before the Gandhi statue at Maurya Circle on Saturday and sought clarity from schools on fees.

They asked the government to set up a fee determination committee, which can decide school fees in a transparent manner. They also raised slogans against the denial of education to children.

Protesting under the Voice of Parents and Poshakara Samanvaya Vedike, the parents asked, "If we don't know what the tuition fees are for, how are we expected to pay 85 per cent of it? When other sectors have a cap on payments, why not the education sector?"

The protest saw representatives of five organisations, including the RTE Students Parents Association (RTE STUPA).

BN Yogananda, general secretary, RTE STUPA, said that the government should appeal before the Karnataka High Court and seek a 15 per cent reduction in fees. "We are confused about the fees to be paid for 2021-22. Is there a reduction? Will it be applicable for the overall or tuition fees? The government needs to clarify," he added.

Meanwhile, schools seem to come up with new strategies to discriminate against students not paying fees. A parent said that while her Class 10 child has access to online class, the previous year's marks card and this year's notes were not shared with her.

A delegation of parents is expected to meet Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday.

Government of Karnataka
Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Finance Department,
Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru
No.: FD 01 BMB 2021 Date: 30.09.2021

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT STOCK (SECURITIES)

1. **Aggregate Amount** : **Total Rs. 2000 Crore (Rs.1000 Crore - 10 Year Tenure and Rs.1000 Crore - 11 Year Tenure)**
2. **Method of Issue** : **By auction, through PDO, RBI, Mumbai (Fort)**
3. **Date of auction** : **October 05, 2021**

Government of Karnataka invites subscription to the above securities. Copies of the Notification and Application forms may be obtained from PDO, RBI, Bengaluru. Non-competitive bidding facility has been introduced by RBI to encourage participation of retail investors. The Government stock up to 10% of the notified amount of the sale will be allotted to eligible individuals and institutions. Sample Tender Forms and the revised scheme of Non-competitive bidding facility is available on the website **www.rbi.org.in**

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SHORT TERM RECALL TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e- Procurement only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore , the Executive Engineer KBJNL, Sonthi LI Division, Khanapur Tq: Shahapur invites tenders on Short term Percentage basis in two cover system on e-procurement portal for the following work from Reputed Manufacturers of River and Stream Volumetric Flow meters. The intending bidders can submit bids as registered companies. The tenderers are required to submit through e-portal only.
1. Details of work : DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF AUTOMATED VOLUMETRIC FLOW METER ON BHIMA RIVER WITH WATER LEVELAND RESERVOIR CAPACITY MONITORING SYSTEM FOR SONTHI /YADGIR/ JOLADADAGI-GUDUR BARRAGES ALONG WITH EARLY WARNING AND SOFTWARE DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM AND INCLUDING 60-MONTHS OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FULL SYSTEM AFTER COMMISSIONING. 2. Amount put to tender : Rs. 202.71 lakhs. 3. Contractors class : Registered companies under Indian companies Act 4. Tender process fee : As per e-portal. 5. EMD : EMD declaration should be submitted 6. Submission of completed e-tendering documents : From: 04.10.2021 to 18.10.2021 up to 5.00 pm. 7. Date and time of Pre-Bid meeting : 11.10.2021 at 11.30 am. 8. Submission of completed e-tendering document : 18.10.2021 up to 5.00 pm. 9. Date and time of opening of tenders : 21.10.2021 at 11.30 am 10. Place of opening of tenders and Pre-Bid meeting : Office of the Chief Engineer, KBJNL, Canal Zone-1, Bheemarayanagudi, Tq. Shahapur, Dist. Yadgiri.

The tender details can be obtained from the e-procurement platform. For any additional information's please contact the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KBJNL, Sonthi Lift Irrigation Division,
Khanapura Camp

DIP/Yadgiri/221/MC&A/2021-22

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No.DUDC/Plan/119/1/2018-19 Date: 01.10.2021

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Through e-procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited by the Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi District, Kalaburagi from the registered Agencies/firms as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act-2000 & registered company/ consultancy firms under companies Act 1956 & Latest amendments thereafter through e-procurement, Government of Karnataka https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in for Appointment of **CONCESSIONAIRE** for implementation and maintenance of led street lights/lighting system and centralized control & monitoring system through public private partnership (PPP) in the **urban local bodies of CMC Shahabad, TMC Aland, Afzalpura, Chittapura, Chincholi, Jewargi, Sedam and Wadi of Kalaburagi District.**
1) Indent No: DUDCK/PLAN/119/2018-19, 2) Name of Work: SELECTION OF CONCESSIONAIRE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LED STREET LIGHTS/LIGHTING SYSTEM AND CENTRALIZED CONTROL & MONITORING SYSTEM THROUGH PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP Mode) IN the **urban local bodies of CMC Shahabad, TMC Aland, Afzalpura, Chittapura, Chincholi, Jewargi, Sedam and Wadi of Kalaburagi District.** 3) EMD Amount (In Rupees) : Declaration as per Appendix-XIX, 4) Transaction Fee as per E-Portal : As per E- Portal, 5) Project Period : 8 months (including monsoon period) and operation and Maintenance for seven years
1) Tender documents can be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **04-10-2021.** 2) Pre Bid Meeting on **11-10-2021** at 11.00AM in Room No 11, 1st floor, DUDC Office, Kalaburagi, 3) Last date for submission of tenders through e-procurement portal on or before 17.30 hours on **06-11-2021,** 4) a) Opening of Technical Bid on **08-11-2021** by 11.00 AM hours, 5) b) Opening of Financial Bid on **15-11-2021** by 11.00 AM hours

For further details contact this office Phone No. 08472-278604.

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner,
Kalaburagi District, Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/663/MC&A/2021-22

"It feels so good to be happy" — Etta James

THE SHOCKING FALL OF GLOBAL INSTITUTIONS

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi has delivered a stinging message to the world community recently about the shrinking credibility of global institutions like the United Nations, the World Bank and the World Health Organisation.

Although he did not name any institution or any country, the prime minister decided to draw the world's attention to the conduct of WHO and China vis-a-vis the Covid-19 crisis and the scandal surrounding the World Bank report on ease of doing business and the involvement of the bank's officials in fudging the figures to appease China.

For close to 18 months now, the world has been debating the source of the Covid-19 virus and the possibility of it having been a product of horrendous mischief by China in one of its laboratories. What lent credence to the initial suspicions was the unwillingness of the Chinese authorities to open the suspected laboratories in Wuhan to inspection by global scientists and virologists. Added to this was the open talk in the global community that the WHO was not behaving in a responsible manner because its Director-General Tedros Adhanom owes his job to the Chinese. These suspicions grew further when the world watched the strange manner in which China treated the WHO team that went to Wuhan to investigate the source of the virus and the obvious pussy-footing by Adhanom.

OPINION

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Those watching from the sidelines could glean the strange reluctance of Adhanom to protect the rights of his own team and organisation. Also, probably at China's behest, WHO is yet to certify Covaxin. That is how the WHO and its activities are under the cloud in the last two years.

Modi has not said any of this but conveyed a lot when he told the UN that the credibility of institutions of global governance, which was built over decades, stands damaged with regard to dealing with the origin of Covid and the Ease of Doing Business rankings. "All kinds of questions are being raised about the conduct of global governance institutions," he said. The controversy over Ease of Doing Business rankings data tells us a lot about how these institutions work. This must truly be one of the most shameful episodes in the history of the World Bank.

Economist and commentator S Gurumurthy, who shared his extensive research of the working of the World Bank, has this to say about what is going on: "This is a rude awakening which calls for a probe and audit of the ranking business, the actors who do this lucrative business, who funds them, what are their motives and what are the norms they employ to rank nations on such abstract and semi-abstract subjects as good country, soft power, transparency, freedom, fragile states, human development, human happiness, social progress and so on."

He says the audit of these rankings by WilmerHale, mandated by the World Bank, revealed the role of the World Bank's senior management in contriving data for pleasing China and Saudi Arabia. The rankings for the years 2018 and 2020, it now emerges, was manipulated at the instance of Kristalina Georgieva, who served as the bank's CEO from 2017 to 2019. She applied "pressure" to have China ranked more favourably. Quoting the report, Gurumurthy said "Georgieva became directly involved in efforts to improve China's ranking. This included her encouraging changes to the methodology used for the ranking."

Strangely, despite this damning indictment, the lady is now the managing director of the International Monetary Fund.

The conduct of these two institutions — the World Bank and the WHO — tells us a lot but how global institutions can be manipulated or even arm-twisted by powerful nations. It was generally believed that the US and other western powers influenced them in subtle ways. With the arrival of China as a major economic player and challenger to the US and the more prosperous European nations, the equations have changed rather dramatically and for the worse. The subtle manoeuvres of the Western world are now a thing of the past. There is now a certain brazenness with which China controls and exploits these institutions to serve its political and economic agenda.

If this is the plight of the World Bank or WHO, how credible are the ratings and other assessments put out by institutions in the West like V-Dem, Reporters Without Borders and the many think tanks vis-a-vis democracy, media freedom and such other indices.

The prime minister did some straight talking the other day while addressing the UN General Assembly when he said that if the UN is to be relevant, it must improve its effectiveness and reliability. This Modi can do because whether it is Ease of Doing Business or any other rankings, India prefers to play by the rules of the game. He quoted Chanakya, who said, "If the right task is not accomplished at the right time, then time itself wrecks the chances of success."

The UN must take note. If it allows unscrupulous nations and individuals to manoeuvre global institutions away from the straight and narrow path of diligence and good governance, a time may come when serious concerns may emerge about its relevance and efficacy.

A KANHAIYA OPPORTUNITY FOR CONGRESS

POINT OF VIEW

T J S GEORGE

WHAT is happening in the Congress Party? The one-and-only Kanhaiya Kumar quits communist ranks and joins the Congress. Amarinder Singh, who led the Punjab government as though he was still the Maharajah of Patiala, finds himself summarily dismissed by a suddenly assertive Congress Party. Whereupon, without the slightest embarrassment, he drives into the residence of Amit Shah in search of new pastures.

The Indian politician may have many weaknesses. But a sense of shame is not one of them. He walks into a party as per the convenience of the moment, and walks out when the conditions of convenience change. Power is the ultimate justifier of every action. This may be a universal fact. But India stands out thanks to the abandon with which politicians display their opportunistic loyalties. Lenin said compromises were inexcusable as "they are an expression of opportunism and treachery." But Lenin is dead, isn't he?

There have been attempts to "reform" the Congress Party. The ever-loyal Kapil Sibal has been in the forefront of this crusade. He has led the campaign for the Congress to have an elected President. Why this idea still remains a mere idea is difficult to understand. Kapil Sibal also deplores the practice of the High Command deciding who should be the party's state leaders. But that practice, too, continues.

The presence of the unseen, unexplained, unidentified High Command is unlikely to be affected in any way by the entry of Kanhaiya into the party. The youthful hero who stirred the country with his electrifying speech in 2016 has now taken a new stance, which is as electrifying as his remembered oratory. No one but the Congress can effectively oppose the BJP, he says. Of course, Communist Party leaders have condemned his position. But Kanhaiya's new viewpoint is rooted in realpolitik and, therefore, cannot be dismissed lightly.

This can be seen with greater clarity in the light that came out of Rajasthan recently. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot pounced on his challenger with a fierceness that hurt him more than his intended victim. He told the modernistic Sachin Pilot: "Being merely good-looking, speaking English and giving soundbites is not everything in politics." In those few words, Gehlot showed why the loser remains a loser. For people like him, yesterday was a day of victory. So todays and tomorrows must yield place to yesterdays. Live in the past, forgetting the present and the future.

The Gehlot mentality is what the Congress will have to overcome if it wants to become a serious player in a changing India. The people of India, the voters, don't want to be stuck in the self-serving aphorisms of yesterday's leaders. The people want to move forward and they want to see their country moving forward, too. That is why

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the Gehlot frame of mind must give way to the Kanhaiya mentality if the Congress is to remain a key player.

When the BJP's Kailash Vijayvargiya described Kanhaiya's move as one "from gutter to drain", he was merely demonstrating his and his party's inability to see reality as reality. Probably, they see the political significance of Kanhaiya's move and are trying to reduce its importance by ridiculing it. They must know that such a game has no chance of winning. Given Kanhaiya's record so far, his move carries weight.

The JNU leader's entry gives the Congress a new vigour, but it cannot amount to much if confusion continues at the top levels of the party's leadership. Why is Rahul Gandhi the assumed leader of the Congress instead of the elected one? He will easily win an election, so the refusal to get elected has to be linked with the ego of the Gandhis. Rahul must be thinking that he is the natural, automatic, unchallengeable leader of the Congress, so what is the relevance of an election? That assumption is the Congress' doom. Shashi Tharoor, a loyal Congressman, valiantly asks the party to elect a President. The party does not seem to have heard him.

Leaders like Tharoor no doubt confront the "High Command" on a daily basis. They certainly realise that the High Command is nothing but Rahul Gandhi with the decorative add-on of his mother, the venerable Sonia. When the High Command picks Rahul Gandhi, what it means is that Rahul Gandhi picks Rahul Gandhi. The entry of credible leaders like Kanhaiya gives the Congress an opportunity to get out of this farcical situation and show that the party is not an instrument at the disposal of one man, Rahul Gandhi. The Congress can make use of this opportunity, or let go of it. Will it choose wisely?

LACKEYS IN LUCK AS BOSSES PLAY THE PIPER

POWER & POLITICS

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THE Gandhi Parivar is perceived as a cabal of control freaks. They never delegate power. From Indira Gandhi to Rahul Gandhi, the family has been calling the shots and dictating the terms of engagement and entitlement for its leaders and workers. When the party wins an election, the family hogs the credit. When Congress loses, others get the blame. When state leaders fight, the Gandhis are the final arbiters. Earlier, minor posts were decided by them. But last month, the Parivar delegated fire-fighting powers to local chieftains. But who will choose the chief?

Obviously, last week the Gandhi troika comprising Sonia, Priyanka and Rahul asserted its authority and also altered the style of using it. Taking a leaf from PM Modi's book, the Gandhis ordered the powerful Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh to quit. The media was spoon-fed a different story and possible names for successors. But the touted names were bogus. Party general secretary Ajay Maken and another senior leader were sent to Chandigarh to depose the Maharaja of Patiala.

Maken was told to go through the motions of taking the opinion of all Congress MLAs. According to insiders, Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa was the most popular choice followed by Sunil Jakhar, Charanjeet Singh Channi and Congress state president Navjot Sidhu. Randhawa being a Jat Sikh was eliminated because Sidhu, a Jat Sikh himself, was the boss. Jakhar lost because the Gandhis were not comfortable with imposing a first ever non-Sikh as Punjab Chief Minister just before the elections. Finally, Channi, a Dalit Sikh, was made the chief minister. Before accepting the offer, Channi made it clear that he wanted a free hand in the appointment of senior officials and allocation of portfolios. The Gandhis agreed that they wouldn't interfere but Channi would have to tackle the fallout of his decisions. When Sidhu quit as the party chief over the choice of the chief secretary and the advocate general, he sought the intervention of the high command but was told he was on his own.

Following instructions from the top, Channi met Sidhu and visited Delhi to meet Modi to promote his own political agenda. By giving Channi much more autonomy than the other Congress CMs, the Gandhis are deflecting possible personal attacks if their decisions cost the party the polls. If Channi, the only Dalit chief minister currently in the country, wins the battle, he will not only acquire a national status as a Dalit leader who the Congress desperately needs but also be a new addition to the list of Gandhi loyalists like Buta Singh. Channi's anointment is also the first step towards weeding out netas who consider Rahul and Priyanka as non-starters.

COWIN A BIG LOSS FOR FOREIGN FLYERS

Has COVID come back to bite the health minister? The government promotes CoWin portal as the world's best known portal for handling trillions pieces of information. It was launched by the Union Health Ministry in January for vaccination registration and issuing certificates. It has been largely successful in facilitating the vaccination of about 900 million Indians in less than a year. National Health Authority CEO **Dr R S Sharma** has earned laurels for designing a unique portal. Yet, its credibility is as doubtful as the many false certifications during Modi's birthday.

Its certificates are a suspect in the eyes of many international agencies. India is still in amber or red category in large parts of the world. Indian health authorities may not admit it but a significant error in the vaccination certificate is one of the reasons for Indians being humiliated at international airports. Sharma and his genius team of programmers forgot to add the date of birth in the certificate which mentioned only the age of a person. Rarely is a document issued by a sovereign nation rejected by other countries. But CoWin certificate was questioned because of reports that even those who weren't vaccinated were issued certificates. In a large number of cases, the date of birth in the passports didn't match the age on the certificate. Some nations raised questions about the picture of the Prime Minister on the certificate because no other country's document carries a photograph of their head of government.

The omission of the date of birth was seen as tech trick to generate false certificates. What baffled the international agencies was the inexplicable ignorance or deliberate denial by CoWin authorities to ignore WHO standards. According to the WHO protocol, each vaccination certificate should have the full date of birth which is the same as in other travel documents. Ironically, CoWin officials, while advising people to register themselves for vaccination, asked them to submit copies of any one of the many documents like passport, PAN, voter identity card, Aadhaar and driving license. Each one carries the date of birth. But CoWin programmers ignored this crucial fact while designing the certificate. Recently, Sharma quietly announced that now each certificate will follow the WHO guidelines and include the date of birth as well. Sharma deserves another extension.

APOLITICAL EX-BABU MANTRIS FLY HIGH WITH BLUE BIRD

Social media has become the most powerful vehicle for social connectivity while keeping the mandatory distancing in place. Who else better than our babus-turned-netas to master new tech tricks? Under Narendra Modi, Union ministers are expected to maximise the use of social media platforms like Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram etc to amplify the achievements of the government.

It is the first time that five retired civil servants have become members of the Union Cabinet.

Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister for Urban Development and Petroleum (IFS), S Jaishankar, Minister for External Affairs (IFS), RCP Singh, Union Minister for Steel (IAS), RK Singh Minister for Power (IAS), Ashwani Vaishnaw, Minister for IT and Railways (IAS) lead the pack in tweeting the most. While RK Singh was elected to the Lok Sabha, the rest were personally handpicked by the Prime Minister after they shut shop. The top gun shooting from the hip in the social publicity blitz is Puri, a former ABVP activist, who tweets almost a dozen on a day — birthdays wishes, meeting ordinary workers, taking part in political activism and talking about his Ministry and the PM. Though he joined the platform after his retirement in 2014, he has acquired around 4.70 lakh followers. Ever since he became a minister, he has tweeted 3,30,00 times.

However, his junior in the service but senior in the ministerial hierarchy, S Jaishankar with over 1.1 million followers is a conservative tweeple. He joined Twitter only in May 2017 and has posted 4,000 tweets; all about his foreign and official visits and nothing about his social or political activities in which he rarely participates. The relatively younger Vaishnaw with over 3,36,000 followers is now the new social media warrior. Currently leading the IT Ministry, he joined Twitter in 2017 after he became Modi's surprise pick for a Rajya Sabha seat from Odisha. He has taken to social media with a vengeance by posting around 3,000 tweets along with his various photographs in trains with passengers.

His former senior IAS colleague and Power Minister RK Singh with 75,000 followers is ahead with 8,000 tweets as he became a minister much earlier. However, Steel Minister RCP Singh, a former IAS officer from Uttar Pradesh and JD-U leader from Bihar, is the tortoise in the group. Having joined Twitter in 2013, he has barely posted 2,000 tweets in eight years perhaps because he isn't part of the technologically driven leadership. But one thing is clear — babus are trying to cover up their lack of ground connectivity through wireless voices.

QUOTE CORNER

Are the police taking this issue seriously enough? It's infuriating. I think the public feel that they aren't and they're not wrong. There is an issue about how we handle sexual violence, domestic violence, the sensitivity, the diligence, the time...

Boris Johnson, UK Prime Minister

The overwhelming sentiment of Filipinos is that I am not qualified and it would be a violation of the constitution to circumvent the law, the spirit of the constitution to run for vice presidency. I announce retirement from politics.

Rodrigo Duterte, Philippine President

The global struggle today isn't between right and left, or between Judaism and Islam or Christianity. The global struggle today is between moderates and extremists. Between a culture of life and a culture of death and destruction.

Yair Lapid, Israel Foreign Minister

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Why selective recognition?

It is appreciable that Kamal Haasan has appealed to the government to recognise Tamil film legend Nagesh by instituting an award in his name and installing a bust inside MGR film and Television Institute. There is no second opinion that the actor deserves such recognition. At the same time, why was Kamal silent all these days to seek due recognition for other great Tamil actors. Can we afford to forget the ever unforgettable 'Danaal' Thangavelu and Manorama? Can anyone ignore the greatest comedian of our time, JP Chandra Babu? It will be appropriate if Kamal had sought recognition for all the thespians of Tamil film industry.

Tharcius S Fernando, Chennai

Endless cycle of crime

Crimes against women continue in a "never ending cycle". It is nauseating to read such articles almost every day. Now, a 15-year-old was sexually assaulted by a gang of 29. Various laws for sexual harassment are in place. Unfortunately, they have failed to protect women and punish the culprits. Even law has many loopholes. A lack of centralized mechanism to collect data on harassment makes it all the more difficult. We need more men with courage, strength, and moral integrity to break our complicit silence, and stand with women.

RP Renishma Latha, Chennai

War of quarantine

The UK created an unnecessary and avoidable controversy over Covishield and vaccine certificates issued in India. Though British authorities tried to play down the issue and said that it was not an India-specific action, it was not going to mitigate the pain for Indians visiting the UK. Before announcing a tit-for-tat reaction, India should have paused to consider the collateral damage it would do to inbound tourist footfall, not to mention the pain of people of Indian origin visiting India. A measured reaction would have been better.

Raju Mathai, Kochi

Making cleanliness a habit

October 2 this year marked the seven successful years of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. It has been one of the most efficacious steps our nation has taken. I remember the time when people, without any hesitation, used to throw garbage anywhere and everywhere. But the scenario has changed. Every state is in healthy competition to stay ahead in cleanliness. Also, the launch of the Swachh Bharat 2.0 and Mission AMRUT on Friday by the PM with an aim to make cities garbage-free and water-safe is remarkable. The launch not only calls for social cleanliness but demonstrates the change in mindset of the masses also.

Anushka Jaiswal, Ujjain

Unending farmers' protest

The apex court has censured the farmers who are agitating against the farm laws for blocking the roads leading to Delhi. However, it is unlikely to have any impact on the farmers who are determined to continue their stir till the laws are repealed. The court would do well to declare the constitutionality of these laws. Even if the court was to uphold the constitutionality of these laws, the farmers would unlikely accept the verdict. The farmers have already indicated that the apex court is not the proper authority to decide the issue. The government should consider whether it is worthwhile to stick to the stand of not withdrawing the laws as the farmers themselves don't want them.

KR Jayaprakash Rao, Mysuru

Right observations by CJI

The CJI's lamentations that bureaucrats and other officers, especially those in police give little or scant cooperation to the judiciary in dispensing justice to the aggrieved are understandable. As for criminal cases, many are caught for an unduly long time because of the apathy and slow nature of the police entrusted with investigation. This causes much problems to the judiciary, government and victims. Police staff found inadequate and wanting in efficiency must be sent on compulsory retirement without any other service benefits.

Jayaraman Iyer, Coimbatore

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Yogi Adityanath @myogiadityanath
No 'transaction' will be allowed any posting etc. If any such complaint is received, the govt takes strict action. We want to change the image of the state

Mehbooba Mufti @MehboobaMufti
Preventing people from offering prayers at mosques and shrines in Kashmir shows GOIs disrespect for sentiments of the majority community

Tejashwi Yadav @yadavtejashwi
Bihar's health dept is rotting as per the Niti Aayog, the government has turned blind to the plights of the doctors, medical staff and poor patients

More households got tap water in two years than past 7 decades: PM

Asserts water is reaching every household in 1.25 lakh villages in 80 districts across India

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

MORE work had been done towards providing tap water to households in the last two years than what was done in previos seven decades, Prime Miister Naredra Modi said on Saturday while unveiling Rashtriya Jal Jeevan Kosh (RJJK).

"From Independence till 2019, only three crore households in the country had access to tap water. Since the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission in 2019, five crore households have been connected with water connections. Today, water is reaching every household in about 1.25 lakh villages in about 80 districts of the country," he said.

The coverage in aspirational districts has increased from 31 lakh to 1.16 crore, the PM added. "In just two years, more work has been done than was done in the last seven decades," said the prime minister.

Any individual, institution, corporation or philanthropist can contribute to the RJJK to help provide tap water to households. The platform to allow donations is aimed to help boost the provision of tap water to schools, Anganwadi centres, spiritual shelters and other public institutions.

The PM also interacted with gram panchayats and paani samitis/Village Water and Sanitation Committees on 'Jal Jeevan Mission'.

Speaking about the initiatives of his government in the rural areas, Modi said measures like toilets in every home and school, affordable sanitary pads, nutrition support during pregnancy and immunisation had strengthened the "Matra Shakti (women power)".

"Most of the 2.5 crore houses constructed in the villages are in the name of women. Ujjwala has relieved women of smoke-filled life. They are being integrated with self-reliance mission through self-help group movement," said Modi.

He added that there had been 13-fold increase in the last seven years in support to women under National Livelihood Mission as compared to five preceding years to 2014.

PM Modi interacts with Village Water and Sanitation Committees on Saturday | PTI

COVID TRACKER

1.33%	CASE FATALITY RATE	2,73,889	Active cases in India
1.70%	DAILY POSITIVITY RATE	1,335	Fall in active cases
97.86%	NATIONAL RECOVERY RATE	14,29,258	Tests in 24 hours

Source: Union Health Ministry

Took Covishield and survived: UNGA chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRESIDENT of the United Nations General Assembly Abdulla Shahid has said he received two doses of Indian-made Covishield vaccine and survived.

"I got Covishield from India. I've got the two doses. I don't know how many countries would say that Covishield is acceptable or not, but a large portion of the countries have got Covishield. And I have survived. But let someone else, a medical person make that call, not me," Shahid said in response to a question on whether all Covid-19 vaccines must be recognised or only those approved by the World Health Organization (WHO).

His comments come as India imposed reciprocal curbs against all British nationals arriving in the country, who will have to undergo 10-day mandatory quarantine even if they are fully vaccinated, amid a vaccine certification row between the two countries.

The UNGA president said that of all the messages from world leaders on vaccines, the most positive ones have been from China, the US and India.

"I intend to utilise the convening power of the President of the General Assembly to bring all of them together in January, and my desire is to make sure that we all come out of the January meeting with a much more optimistic timeline where hereby we will be able to vaccinate the entire world by end of 2022," said Shahid, who is likely to convene a meeting in January to review the progress of global vaccination efforts.

UK issues updated travel advisory

The UK updated its advisory for its nationals travelling to India following New Delhi's decision to impose reciprocal curbs, and said it was in 'close contact' with Indian authorities. The advisory noted an additional test on day eight and a 10-day quarantine for all travellers.

PM slams oppn for 'intellectual dishonesty'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi accused the opposition of "intellectual dishonesty" and "political deceit" in its criticism of his government and said tough and big decisions needed to be taken to bring benefits to citizens.

In an interview to a news magazine, Modi took on his political rivals over their attack on him for decisions like new farm reform laws, roll-out of the GST and Aadhaar, and construction of a new parliament building. He accused them of doing a U-turn and launching a malicious campaign for political reasons after earlier promising or advocating.

"Look at those who are opposing the pro-farmer reforms today and the people will see the real meaning of "intellectual dishonesty and rajneetik dhokhadhadi (political deceit)," he said.

It is one thing if a political party makes a promise and is unable to deliver on it but what is a "particularly undesirable" and "detestable" trait is some of these parties made promises on the lines of the reforms enacted by his government and have now done a U-turn and spread "the most malicious kind of misinformation on the promises they themselves had made," he said.

CJI nudges govt for speedy clearance to names of HC judges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

CHIEF Justice of India **N V Ramana** on Saturday said there was a need of having a system in place wherein litigants in the remotest village get access to justice and expressed hope that the central government would help in achieving the target at the earliest by clearing the names for appointment at various high courts.

Launching an awareness and outreach campaign, CJI Ramana pressed for early clearance of the names recommended by the collegium for appointment as judges.

"We have recommended more than 106 judges to different high courts and 9 chief justices to various high courts. The government has cleared some of them and the law minister has assured that the rest of the things will come in one or two days. I thank the government for clearing these vacancies and giving quick access to justice to the people. These appointments will take care of the pendency to some extent. I seek cooperation and support from the government to enable access to justice and to strengthen the democracy," the CJI said.

Justice U U Lalit, Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority, said, "Of all the pending cases, just about 1 per cent are with the legal services committees all over the country... Therefore, this pan-India legal awareness programme has been initiated."

He urged all senior advocates to voluntarily take up pro bono work as a way of giving back to society and mooted to have in place internship for law college graduates and asked them to work as legal volunteers.

Stressing to have in place a database of lawyers, Justice D Y Chandrachud said lawyers who are willing to offer pro bono or free legal aid services in specific areas of law should be made part of database similar to one which was compiled around 2018 to assist victims of sexual harassment during the MeToo movement.

EXPRESS READ

Ban on bail hearing infringes liberty: SC

New Delhi: A blanket ban on the listing of pleas for bail or suspension of sentence infringes upon the right of personal liberty of the incarcerated, the Supreme Court has said and observed that by giving such orders, a Rajasthan High Court judge went "beyond his allocated judicial business". The SC made the remarks in a rare case where the HC approached it against orders of its own judge.

Assam MLA detained for provocative remark

Guwahati: Assam Congress MLA Sherman Ali Ahmed was on Saturday detained by the police over the "provocative" remarks he allegedly made in reference to the recent eviction drive in Darrang district. He was picked up from MLA quarters in Dispur and taken to Panbazar police station for questioning. "We have detained him for interrogation. Any decision on his arrest will be taken in due course," a police officer said.

'Citizens should take action to make India powerful'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

UNION home minister Amit Shah on Saturday urged citizens to take a pledge that they would take individual steps for making India a self-reliant and a powerful nation by the 100th anniversary of Independence.

He added that most Indians may not get the opportunity to die for the country, but by dedicating themselves to the development of the nation, they can live for the country and that is real patriotism.

If each one of the 130 crore citizens takes pledge to take the country forward and work for its development then we can make India *atmanirbhar* (self reliant) and position it as a powerful nation, Shah said.

Home Minister Amit Shah felicitates wrestler Bajrang Punia in New Delhi | PTI

Shah was addressing an Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav programme organised by the National Security Guard (NSG) held at the Red Fort here where he flagged off a 7,500-km car rally being undertaken by the NSG commandos. The minister also received Central Armed Police Forces teams that completed a month-long cycle rally traversing 41,000 km across the country. "I urge all citizens of the country to come together and dedicate themselves for realising Modi ji's dream of making India a $5 trillion economy and also making the country self reliant and developed," he said.

He said this consciousness of the public will lead to constructive action as envisioned by PM Narendra Modi through schemes like Atmanirbhar Bharat, Make in India and others as part of the ongoing celebrations of 75 years of Independence. Shah also paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri as the country observed their birth anniversaries.

Shringla on Lanka tour

New Delhi: Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla began his four-day Sri Lanka tour on Saturday. He will visit four cities — Colombo, Kanday, Trincomalee and Jaffna — with an aim to strengthen economic partnerships and people-to-people ties. He will also call on Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, PM Mahinda Rajapaksa and finance and foreign ministers. The visit will contribute towards enhancing partnership, the MEA said. India and Sri Lanka will carry out a 12-day military exercise from Monday with focus on counter-terror cooperation.

EC bars two LJP factions from using party name, symbol for Bihar bypolls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE dispute between Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) leaders Chirag Paswan and his uncle Pashupati Kumar Paras has led to the freezing of the party's name and symbol.

The Election Commission on Saturday said neither of the two factions would be permitted to use the party's name and symbol, 'bungalow', in the upcoming bypolls in Bihar. Both the groups can choose any other party name and symbol to contest in the bypolls, the poll panel said.

The order has been sent to both the groups and they have been asked to furnish the details about the new names and symbols to the EC latest by 1 pm on October 4. "Both the groups shall be known by such names as they may choose for their respective groups, including, if they so desire, linkage with their parent party Lok Janshakti Party," the EC order said.

Two seats in Bihar including Kusheshwar and Tarapur will witness bypolls and filing of nominations is in process.

The Commission in its order said that it needs more time to reach a conclusion with regard to the dispute within the party and the decision to freeze the symbol and the party name was taken because of the urgency caused by bypolls. The process requires both parties to submit documentary evidence to back their respective claims of enjoying support in the organisational and legislative wings of the party, said the EC.

Chirag, through five separate letters in June and July, had informed the EC about the LJP suspending five MPs — Pashupati Kumar Paras, Beena Devi, M A Qaiser, Chandan Singh and Prince Raj. On Friday, he had visited the EC office to demand that the party symbol continue to be with his faction, and not with the other one led by Union minister Paras. Paras and Chirag have been locked in a feud over the inheritance of party legacy after Ram Vilas Paswan's death.

Cong imbued with sense of comic theatrics: Capt

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE verbal duel between Congress leaders and former party veteran Amarinder Singh continued on Saturday. After the party's chief spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala claimed that Amarinder had to quit as Punjab chief minister as 78 of the 79 MLAs sought his removal, the former CM hit back, alleging that Congress leaders were resorting to "preposterous lies" in a clear bid to "cover up their mishandling of the crisis" in the state.

Pointing out that AICC incharge for Punjab Harish Rawat had just a day earlier claimed that 43 MLAs had written to the high command on the issue, Amarinder said, "It seems the entire party has become imbued with Navjot Singh Sidhu's sense of comic theatrics. Next they will claim that 117 MLAs wrote to them against me! This is the state of affairs in the party. They cannot even coordinate their lies properly." The 43-odd MLAs who had signed the said letter had been "forced to do so under duress", he said.

Amarinder said the Congress was in a state of disarray, and the crisis seemed to be escalating by the day. He also claimed that a large majority of senior leaders were completely disenchanted with the party's functioning.

Pushed into a corner over its mishandling of Punjab crisis, the Congress was now in a total state of panic, which was evident in the statements of its leaders, the veteran said. "It's sad to see the way they are resorting to blatant lies to justify their wrongdoings."

'POST OR NOT, WILL STAND BY GANDHIS'

CHADIGARH: Punjab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu on Saturday said he would always stand by Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi, whether or not he held a post in the party.

"Will uphold principles of Gandhi Ji & Shastri Ji... Post or No Post will stand by Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi! Let all negative forces try to defeat me, but with every ounce of positive energy will make Punjab win, Punjabiyat (Universal Brotherhood) win & every Punjabi win!!" he tweeted.

Sidhu had resigned as PPCC chief on Tuesday as he was not happy with certain appointments in the new government. While he is yet to withdrawn his resignation, there is unrest in the state cabinet as Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa and Rural Development and Panchayat Minister Tript Rajinder Bajwa , who had earlier sided with Sidhu, are reportedly not comfortable with him now.

Two other newly appointed ministers, Pargat Singh and Sangat Singh Gilzian from Doaba region, are also not on the same page on several key issues. *ENS*

CONSERVING HERITAGE

Panel floats heritage drafts for five new sites in four states

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE National Monument Authority (NMA) has readied drafts of heritage bye-laws for five historic sites in Tripura, Assam, West Bengal, and Uttar Pradesh. The documents have been uploaded on the authority's website to invite suggestions and objections from the citizens.

Interested can send feedback to the member secretary of NMA or directly mail it to hblsection@nma.gov.in. The deadline is October 28.

The drafts for five Archeological Survey of India (ASI) protected structures – Gunavati group of temples at Radhakishorepur near Gomati in Tripura; Ghanshyam's House in Shivsagar district in Assam; Dalmadal gun and the platform at Bankura in West Bengal; and Bithoor Mound and Jami Masjid in Uttar Pradesh's Kanpur and Banda districts respectively are available on the portals of Archeological Survey of India (ASI) and its affiliated portals for Guwahati, Kolkata, and Lucknow circles.

Heritage bye-laws aim to regulate construction and its features such as design and colour of façade, height of the building, roof tanks,and chimneys in the vicinity of protected sites. They are also intended to guide other interventions like drainage systems.

As per the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Act 2010, there should be separate bye-laws for each protected site or monuments.

There are nearly 3,690 protected sites under the ASI. In the last 10 years, bye-laws for only five monuments including Amjad Ali Shah's Mausoleum in Lucknow and four from Delhi – Sher Shah Gate, Khair-ul Manazil, Purana Quila, and a cluster of monuments in Nizamuddin Basti – have been cleared so far. There are about 3,600 ASI protected sites.

"There are technical and practical issues which are delaying finalisation of the heritage bye-laws. Usually, the site surveys consume a lot of time. However, in the last 18 months, regulations for 104 heritage buildings/sites have been completed and 24 of them are being considered," said an NMA official.

INSURANCE CLAIM

An Ahmedabad consumer court ordered an insurance company to reimburse the medical expenses for lung cancer after the insurer refused to pay the claim saying the patient was addicted to smoking

80% WORK OF KASHMIR RLY PROJECT IS OVER

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	33	25	Mumbai	33	26
Bhopal	32	24	Panaji	30	26
Jaipur	31	23	Patna	30	24
Amritsar	31	24	Lucknow	38	28
Chennai	32	26	Port Blair	31	26
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	28	20
Srinagar	29	12	Chandigarh	36	24

Mount Trishul (7,120 metre), a group of three peaks often likened to the trident of Lord Shiva, was first scaled in 1907 by British mountaineer Tom George Longstaff

Four bodies found as rescue teams scale Mt Trishul

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Dehradun

BODIES of four mountaineers were located by the rescue team from Mount Trishul on Saturday.

The deceased were identified as Lt Cdr Rajnikant Yadav, Lt Cdr Yogesh Tiwari, Lt Cdr Anant Kukreti, Hari Om MCPO II.

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh tweeted expressing his anguish over the death of the mountaineers. "Deeply anguished by the tragic death of four Navy personnel who were part of the Indian Navy mountaineering expedition to Mt Trishul. The nation has not only lost precious young lives but also courageous soldiers in this tragedy," Singh tweeted.

"My heart goes out to the bereaved families of Lt Cdr Rajnikant Yadav, Lt Cdr Yogesh Tiwari, Lt Cdr Anant Kukreti and Hari Om MCPO II. My feelings are with their families in this hour of tragedy. Praying for the early locating of the remaining team members," added the defence minister.

> **The bodies were spotted by the rescue team but they were unable to recover any due to difficult terrain and bad weather**
>
> Colonel Amit Bisht, dean of NIM, Uttarkashi

The Joint team is searching for two missing mountaineers including a Navy personnel and a Sherpa. At the time of writing this report, a search for the two missing mountaineers was on.

These people went missing on Friday morning after getting hit by an avalanche.

Later in the day, rumors started circulating that daughter of an Indian Navy officer, Kaamya Karthikeyan, a 13-year-old girl mountaineering enthusiast, was also among the six missing mountaineers including personnel of the Indian Navy in Mount Trishul.

BJP to rope in youths in poll-bound states

Nadda to address Yuva Morcha meeting; move aimed at assessment of youth's drift due to economic downturn

MANISH ANAND @ New Delhi

AIMING to rope in youths in poll-bound states, the BJP's youth wing will hold its national executive on Tuesday in New Delhi.

BJP chief J P Nadda and party's national general secretary Tarun Chugh will address the national executive of the Bharatiya Janta Yuva Morcha (BJYM). The agenda of the national executive includes holding 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsava' in all the districts of the poll-bound states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Manipur, Goa, Punjab, Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh.

The agenda of the national meet also includes entrusting the BJYM leaders with the responsibilities for each of the assembly constituencies in the poll-bound states. The BJP leadership has specifically entrusted the task to the BJYM to connect with the youth in the country and prepare a list of the concerns of the youngsters in the country.

The BJYM chief and the Lok Sabha MP Tejaswi Surya will also address the national executive which will be held at the NDMC convention centre, said a senior functionary of the party's youth wing. The task for the youth wing of the BJP is seemingly clear amid assessment within the party about the drift of the youth in the recent past on account of the economic downturn.

"The programmes under the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsava have been designed with the youth of the country in the focus. They include getting writers to chronicle the local icons of the freedom struggle movement. The BJYM has to take the programmes to the youth more aggressively," said a BJYM leader.

BJP is leaving no stone unturned to ensure victory in UP polls. Photo shows saffron party taking out a rally to mark Gandhi Jayanthi, in Prayagraj on Saturday | PTI

BJP to launch massive campaign to reach out to OBCs from Oct 8

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

WITH political activities intensifying in the Hindi heartland, the ruling BJP in Uttar Pradesh is reaching out to different sections of voters in the run up to the assembly polls slated for early next year.

The saffron party is all set to launch its mega outreach programme to woo the OBC communities on October 8, coinciding with the festival of Navratri and will continue till Diwali.

Voters from OBC communities supported the BJP during the past three elections — 2014, 2017 and 2019. This time, the ruling party has decided to focus on OBC sub-castes.

According to BJP's state OBC Morcha chief Narendra Kashyap, as many as 202 rallies would be organised focusing on the OBCs. During the campaign, OBC voters would be "sensitised" on the state government's "achievements and policies for their welfare". "These rallies will be organised in the third leg of the outreach programme," Kashyap said.

In the first phase of the campaign which commences on October 8, conferences for communities like Saini, Kashyap, Yadav, Vishwakarna, Rajbhar etc. would be held.

Organised by the OBC Morcha, around 20 community-specific conferences would be held. Locations have also been identified in Lucknow for the conferences. "CM Yogi Adityanath and deputy CMs, along with other senior BJP leaders, will be present at these conferences," Kashyap added.

New UP cabinet

Out of the seven new ministers sworn in, three belonged to the OBC. The new composition reflects recent change in voting pattern of OBCs

The recent expansion of Yogi cabinet was a reflection of the party's intent to reach out to the OBCs. Out of the seven new ministers sworn in, three belonged to the OBC.

The new composition of the cabinet reflects recent change in voting patterns wherein OBCs are believed to be gravitating towards the BJP from the BSP and the SP folds.

Explaining about the second phase of the outreach, Kashyap said meetings would be arranged in 98 assembly seats with leaders of different communities. One rally would be held to cover two assembly segments. However, an added fourth phase would see the launch of a robust membership drive by the BJP OBC Morcha.

Congress jolted by desertions in UP

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AT a time when Congress is struggling hard to breathe life back into its Uttar Pradesh unit, it is getting spasm after spasm with prominent faces abandoning the ship for greener pastures.

This week has been quite an eventful for the grand old party when party's UP in-charge Priyanka Gandhi Vadra was in Lucknow. Priyanka was greeted with bad news of Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee (UPCC) vice-president and former MLA Gayadeen Anuragi and former party MLA Vinod Chaturvedi joining the Samajwadi Party (SP) on Friday.

Both the leaders said that they were feeling muffled and sidelined. Both had got the opportunity to meet Priyanka during her stay in Lucknow.

Besides Anuragi and Chaturvedi, Lalitesh Pati Tripathi, another UPCC vice-president and scion of Kamla Pati Tripathi clan gave the party a jolt last week when he announced his resignation from the primary membership of the Congress.

Believed to be quite close to Priyanka, Lalitesh also expressed his concern over the way the party was being led.

However, the party insiders claim that many more, especially those who are likely to be denied tickets in the upcoming assembly polls, may switch loyalties in the coming weeks.

One such most prominent face of UP politics, especially of western UP, is Imran Masood who has been giving indications of switching sides to the SP. All praise for SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, Masood recently exhorted the Congress leadership to join hands with SP, "the major opposition party" to defeat the saffron forces in UP.

ETHNIC IDENTITY

Panel formed to implement Assam Accord

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

THE Assam government has set up an eight-member sub-committee to examine and prepare a framework for the implementation of all clauses of the Assam Accord.

"The Governor of Assam is pleased to constitute a sub-committee to examine and prepare a framework for implementation of all clauses of Assam Accord in general with special emphasis on clause 6 (high-level committee report), clause 7, clause 9 and clause 10..." a notification issued by GD Tripathi, who is the Commissioner-Secretary to the Government of Assam, Implementation of Assam Accord Department, reads.

The sub-committee will also examine and prepare a framework for the NRC updation, issues of flood, rehabilitation of martyrs' families and victims of Assam Agitation besides various problems being faced by the state.

The members of the sub-committee are Ministers Atul Bora, Pijush Hazarika and Ajanta Neog, All Assam Students' Union (AASU) president Dipanka Kumar Nath, its general secretary Sankar Jyoti Baruah and Samujjal Bhattacharya, Prakash Ch Das and Uddip Jyoti Gogoi.

RSS leader grilled in bribery case

Jaipur: RSS leader Nimbaram, an accused in the Jaipur Bribery Case, has finally been questioned by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) of Rajasthan. Three months ago, the regional publicist of the RSS in the state, Nimbaram, was named as one of the four accused in a graft case. The case involved an alleged kickback of ₹20 crore in Jaipur Greater Municipal Corporation's contract with a garbage collection firm. Since then Nimbaram had been absconding. The ACB had booked Nimbaram as an accused based on a video clip. In the clip, Rajaram Gurjar and a representative of BVG company were allegedly trying to strike a deal for 'commission' from the firm. Gurjar is the husband of the suspended Jaipur Mayor, Somya Gurjar. Nimbaram was also seen sitting with them in this video.

DANCE VIDEO INSIDE LUCKNOW IMAMBARA RECEIVES FLAK

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

PROMINENT Shia clerics and Shia Muslim bodies, including All India Shia Muslim Personal Law Board (AISMPLB), and Shia youth wing members have lodged a strong protest after a 30-second video clip of a girl dancing inside the Bada Imambara here went viral.

They called the act "un-Islamic" and "breach of sanctity" of the religious structure. While many of them demanded a ban on the entry of tourists to the Imambara, the youth wing of the community said it would lodge an FIR in the matter.

Earlier, Shia Muslims had demanded a ban on wedding shoots inside Bada Imambara and also opposed the shooting of 'TikTok' videos in and around the premises.

An Imambara is a place or a building with a hall where people assemble for 'Majlis' of Imam Husain and the Martyrs of Karbala. It is mainly associated with Shia Muslims.

"We strongly oppose the act as it is a breach of the sacredness of the religious structure. We demand the immediate intervention of the district administration, the Hussainabad and Allied Trust (HAT) that owns the structure, and demand a ban on the entry of tourists in the Bada Imambara," said Maulana Yasoob Abbas, the senior Shia cleric and general secretary of AISMPLB.

FESTIVAL ON FIELD

Folk artists perform Mahishasura Mardini on a field ahead of Durga Puja festival in Nadia, West Bengal, on Saturday | PTI

EXPRESS READ

Mizo opposition party against displaced tribe voting in by-election

Guwahati: Mizoram's principal opposition party, Zoram People's Movement (ZPM), has petitioned the poll panel to not allow the displaced Brus to cast their votes in the October 30 bypolls to Tuirial assembly seat. The death of sitting MLA, Andrew H Thangliana of the ZPM, necessitated the by-election. In a letter to the state's Chief Electoral Officer P Jawahar, the ZPM said as the Centre had granted permission for the resettlement of the displaced Brus in Tripura, they should not be allowed to exercise their franchise in Mizoram. Of the 17,927 voters in Tuirial, 663 are Brus and they belong to two polling stations. In 2018, Tripura had made arrangements for the displaced Brus, who were lodged in six camps, to travel to Mizoram to cast their votes.

Uttarakhand mining plans unlikely to cheer greens

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Dehradun

THE Uttarakhand government is contemplating formulating a new mining policy.

Uttarakhand Chief Secretary S S Sandhu said: "For the first time suggestions have been invited from the stakeholders to formulate a 'User Friendly' policy for mining. The new policy is likely to increase the revenue of ₹500-1,000 crore."

Meanwhile, environmentalists and activists have objected to the proposal of the policy stating it will lead to indiscriminate mining. Dushyant Mainali, a practising advocate who has been pursuing multiple petitions including public interest litigations, said, "The negative impact of illegal sand mining far outweighs the economic benefits. The perception that sand and boulders are useless and rivers have a lot of sand is incorrect, because they are crucial for the sustained existence of the river and perform many functions."

Incidents of landslides have increased exponentially in the last few years in Uttarakhand. The state has lost about 50,000 hectares of its forests to developmental activities in the past 20 years. The top six activities for which forest land in the state has been acquired include mining, hydropower plants, road construction, power distribution lines, among others.

Mining reason for maximum loss of forest cover

The top six activities for which around 21,207 hectares of forest land in the state has been acquired include mining and hydropower plants. The highest amount of forest cover has been lost to mining (8,760 ha)

Confidants may spell problems for ministers

The Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) ministers are worried about the tactics of the BJP of choosing soft targets and victimising them. The ministers' close associates have started getting notices from the Income Tax department. If these close associates of the ruling party spill the beans, then it may spell problems for these vulnerable leaders. Shiv Sena minister Eknath Shinde, Congress minister Ashok Chavan and NCP minister Jitendra Awhad have been slapped with I-T notices. Shiv Sena MP Bhavan Gawali's close associate Saeed Khan got arrested by Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a money laundering case.

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MUMBAI DIARY

Three groups in Maharashtra BJP unit

These days, Maharashtra BJP seems to have been divided into three groups – the one led by former chief minister and Leader of Opposition Devendra Fadnavis, the second by state party president Chandrakant Patil, and the third by senior BJP leader Ashish Shelar. All three groups within the BJP are working independently to strengthen and expand their bases. Fadnavis is more comfortable with turncoat leaders. Chandrakant Patil is mostly camped in Pune — his migrated constituency. Ashish Shelar has been touring the state and visiting various prominent, ignored and neglected leaders and various factions of the BJP to understand their issues. Shelar is said to regularly brief his party high command about the ground reality of Maharashtra politics and the BJP.

BJP MP Gopal Shetty resigns party posts

Gopal Shetty, the second time BJP LoK Sabha MP from Mumbai, surprisingly announced his resignation on Facebook. Shetty resigned from various parliamentary committees. Shetty, who started his political career as a corporator, then MLA, and now MP, was not happy with the party leadership. Later in his constituency function, Shetty was more comfortable being sidelined into a corner than with his party leaders. In the 2019 Lok Sabha Polls, he defeated film actor Urmila Matondkar with 4.66 lakh votes' margin. Despite this, he was not given any importance in the affairs of the party.

Loyalty to Sonia paying dividends

Rajani Patil, the recently elected Congress Rajya Sabha MP, couldn't even help to elect one MLA, MP, or garner votes for any Congress candidate. However, her proximity to Congress president Sonia Gandhi secured her Rajya Sabha seat for the second time. Earlier also, Rajani was nominated for the MLC from the Congress quota. When everyone was criticising Sonia on her foreign origin issue, Rajani, the then sitting BJP Lok Sabha MP from Beed, quit the saffron party in 1998 and joined the Congress. She also supported Sonia's candidature as the party chief. Her loyalty has been paying her dividends time and again.

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	21	16	LR	Los Angeles	26	16	SNY
Colombo	29	26	LC	Melbourne	19	9	LR
Dhaka	30	26	TDS	Moscow	9	4	LR
Dubai	41	30	SNY	New York	27	17	SNY
Houston	31	24	LR	Singapore	30	26	TDS
Istanbul	28	20	SNY	Toronto	20	16	SNY
London	21	14	LR	Washington	28	17	SNY

UNPRECEDENTED INCURSION

RECORD 38 CHINESE JETS ENTER TAIWAN'S AIR DEFENCE ZONE

Hours after sending 25 warplanes, Beijing flies 13 more

TAIPEI

GERMANY'S clo Taiwan accused Beijing of bullying and damaging regional peace on Saturday after Chinese fighter jets and bombers made their largest ever incursion into the island's air defence zone.

Beijing marked its National Day on Friday with its biggest aerial show of force against Taiwan to date, buzzing the self-ruled democratic island with 38 warplanes, including nuclear-capable H-6 bombers.

Democratic Taiwan's 23 million people live under the constant threat of invasion by China which views the island as its territory and has vowed to one day seize it, by force if necessary. Under President Xi Jinping, Chinese warplanes are crossing into Taiwan's air defence identification zone (ADIZ) on a near daily basis.

But Friday's incursion sparked a particularly sharp rebuke from Taipei.

"China has been bellicose and damaging regional peace while engaging in many bullying acts," Premier Su Tseng-chang told reporters Saturday.

"It's evident that the world, the international community, rejects such behaviours by China more and more."

Taiwan's defence ministry said it scrambled its aircraft to broadcast warnings after 22 fighters, two bombers and one anti-submarine aircraft entered the island's southwest ADIZ on Friday.

A second batch of 13 jets then crossed into Taiwan's ADIZ later on Friday, in a rare night incursion, bringing the total to a record 38, according to the ministry. That was followed by a further incursion on Saturday by 20 planes. The ADIZ is not the same as Taiwan's territorial airspace but includes a far greater area that overlaps with part of China's own air defence identification zone and even includes some of mainland China.

Mass incursions used to be rare, analysts said. But in the last two years Beijing has begun sending large sorties into Taiwan's ADIZ to signal dissatisfaction at key moments -- and to keep Taipei's ageing fighter fleet regularly stressed.

Last week 24 Chinese warplanes flew into the area after Taiwan applied to join a major trans-Pacific trade pact. Friday's show of force came the same week Beijing accused Britain of "evil attentions" after it sent a frigate to sail through the Taiwan Strait. China claims the strait as its own waterway, along with most of the disputed South China Sea. Most other nations view them as international waters open to all. Beijing has ramped up pressure on Taipei since the 2016 election of President Tsai Ing-wen, who has said she views the island as "already independent" and not part of a "one China". *AFP*

500 breaches this year

Last year, Chinese military jets made a record 380 incursions into Taiwan's defence zone, and the number of breaches for the first nine months of this year has already exceeded 500. The previous single-day record was on June 15 this year when 28 jets breached Taiwan's Air Defence Identification Zone.

EXPRESS READ

Girls spend days at home with deceased mom

Rennes: Two sisters aged 5 and 7 spent several days in an apartment with the body of their mother who had died suddenly in northwestern France, the regional prosecutor said on Saturday. "Be quiet, Mommy is sleeping," the girls told police officers who came to their apartment on Wednesday. It was not yet clear how long they had spent inside the apartment with their dead mother. The girls were taken to a hospital and were then placed in foster care nd were being given counselling.

DOCUMENT LOST

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It is brought to the notice of the general public that my client Mr. Abhishek Suryanarayana S/o D. Suryanarayana Shetty, R/at No. 1872, 18th C Main, 41st B Cross, 4th T Block, Jayanagar Bangalore - 41 intend to purchase the SCHEDULE PROPERTY from Mrs. Ranitha A.P. W/o Mr. Mahalingaswamy B.L. R/at 3rd Cross, Basaveshwaranagar Kanakapura Ramanagara District who represents that she is the sole and absolute owner in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property and that the Schedule Property is free from all kinds of encumbrances whatsoever and that there are no third party claims or rights on the Schedule Property.

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APPENDIX- IV A

[See proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9(1)]

E-AUCTION ON 25.10.2021

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties (excluding movable assets, if any, lying in the premises) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrowers/Mortgagors in particular that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Bengaluru, the actual possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **25.10.2021** for recovery of **Rs.3,04,08,278/- [Dues of HL(Maxgain) A/c. No. 34920179669 – Rs.1,25,80,744/- + Dues of HL (Maxgain) A/c. No. 35139984930 – Rs.1,10,58,288/- + Dues of HL A/c No.35808543441 – Rs.67,69,246/-] (Rupees Three Crore Four Lakh Eight Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Eight Only) as on 04.09.2021 and further interest at contractual rate from 05.09.2021** with incidental expenses + costs, charges etc., due to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India from the **Borrowers/Mortgagors: (1) Mr. R. H. Pranesh,** S/o. Mr. Raghavendra Rao, **(2) Mrs. Suchita Desai,** W/o. Mr. R. H. Pranesh, **Both (1) & (2) are residing at:** No.35, 3rd Cross, 1st Main, Dwaraka Nagar, BSK III Stage, Bengaluru-560 085. **Also at:** (i) No.234/37, Plot No.10, 'Raghavendra Krupa', Banashankari Layout, Brahmapur, Kalburgi-585 103. **Also at: Mr. R. H. Pranesh,** C/o. M/s. Deepak Apparels Pvt. Ltd., 304, 3rd Floor, Lingaraju Complex, No.9, Gandhi Bazaar Main Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560 004. **Also at:** No.256, Srinidhi Apartment, 3rd Floor, 4th Main, Kempegowda Nagar, Chamarajapet, Bengaluru -560018, **Mrs. Suchita Desai,** (a) C/o. M/s. Careericon (India) Pvt. Ltd., No.154/1, 2nd Main Road, N R Colony, Bengaluru-560 019. (b) C/o. Mr. Gopal Rao Desai, House No.3-3-97, Beroon Quilla, Raichur-575 101. (For HTL 35808543441, 35139984930 & HTL 34920179669).

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(1)	Rs.37,37,000/-	Rs.3,73,700/-	Rs.35,000/-	25.10.2021 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m	On or before 21.10.2021 up to 4.00 P.M.
(2)	Rs.36,03,000/-	Rs.3,60,300/-	Rs.35,000/-	25.10.2021 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m	On or before 21.10.2021 up to 4.00 P.M.
(3)	Rs.36,03,000/-	Rs.3,60,300/-	Rs.35,000/-	25.10.2021 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	On or before 21.10.2021 up to 4.00 P.M.

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TENDER No. SBI/SARB/F5605/2021-22/650:

Property No.(1): Secured for HTL 35808543441:

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Amalgamated Property bearing No.205/187, **{(1) Site No.5, Later Numbered as No.190, New No.208/190, (2) Site No.6, Later Numbered as No.188, New No.206/188, (3) Site No.13, Later Numbered as No.187, New No.205/187 and (4) Site No.14, Later Numbered as No.189, New No.207/189, Each measuring East to West: 40.0 feet, North to South: 60.0 feet}** formed out **Converted Land bearing Sy. No.94/2**, which has been converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Residential purposes vide Official Memorandum bearing Order No.BDIS.ALN.SR(N)67/2002-03 dated 29.01.2003 issued by Special Commissioner (Revenue), Bengaluru District, Bengaluru situated at **Mallathahalli Village,** Yeshwantpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, Rajarajeshwari Nagarasabhe Ward No.11, Bengaluru-560 098 and the aforesaid Amalgamated Property now comes under the purview, jurisdiction, management of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Sub Range and it has assigned the said property as **No.205/94/2, BBMP Khatha Sl. No.205, Mallathahalli, Bengaluru** in the corresponding BBMP Ward No.129, Jnanabharathi, totally **measuring 9600 Sq. ft. and bounded as follows:** East by: Site No.4 & Site No.15, West by: Site No.7 & Site No.12, North by: 40 feet Road, South by: 50 feet Main Road.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: Share corresponding to **322 Sq. ft. of undivided right**, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERY: Apartment bearing Flat No.104 in the Ground Floor measuring about 1182 sq. ft. super-built area and containing **2 Bed Rooms together with one Covered Car Parking slot** including proportionate undivided share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase contained in the Apartment Building known as **'MARUTHI ENCLAVE'**. The constructed residential flat is built up with bricks, RCC Roofed, Polished Teak Wood Doors for Main Door and Pooja Room. Remaining Doors made out Sal Wood frames with water proof flush shutters, Anodised Aluminium/ UPVC Windows & Ventilators and flooring is of vitrified and ceramic having water electricity and sewerage facilities **standing in the joint names of Mr Pranesh R H and Mrs Suchita Desai** vide Sale Deed dated 04.06.2016 and registered as document No.NGB-1-01610/2016-17 & C D No.NGBD298 dated 04.06.2016 at SRO, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru.

TENDER No. SBI/SARB/F5605/2021-22/651:

Property No.(2): Secured for HTL/35139984930:

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: Same as mentioned in Schedule 'A' of property No.1 above.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: Share corresponding to **330 Sq. ft. of undivided right**, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property to be conveyed to the **Purchasers** herein.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERY: Apartment bearing Flat No.205 in the First Floor measuring about 1209 sq. ft. super-built area and containing **2 Bed Rooms together with one Covered Car Parking slot** including proportionate undivided share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase contained in the Apartment Building knownas **'MARUTHI ENCLAVE'**. The constructed residential flat is built up with bricks, RCC Roofed, Polished Teak Wood Doors for Main Door and Pooja Room. Remaining Doors made out Sal Wood frames with water proof flush shutters, Anodised Aluminium/ UPVC Windows & Ventilators and flooring is of vitrified and ceramic having water electricity and sewerage facilities **standing in the joint names of Mrs Suchita Desai and Mr Pranesh R H** vide Sale Deed dated 12.08.2015 and registered as document No.NGB-1-03416/2015-16 & C D No.NGBD285 dated 12.08.2015 at SRO, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru.

TENDER No. SBI/SARB/F5605/2021-22/652:

Property No.(3): Secured for HTL 34920179669:

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: Same as mentioned in Schedule 'A' of property No.1 above.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: Share corresponding to **330 Sq. ft. of undivided right**, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property to be conveyed to the **Purchasers** herein.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERY: Apartment bearing Flat No.305 in the Second Floor measuring about 1209 sq. ft. super-built area and containing **2 Bed Rooms together with one Covered Car Parking slot** including proportionate undivided share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase contained in the Apartment Building known as **'MARUTHI ENCLAVE'**. The constructed residential flat is built up with bricks, RCC Roofed, Polished Teak Wood Doors for Main Door and Pooja Room. Remaining Doors made out Sal Wood frames with water proof flush shutters, Anodised Aluminium/ UPVC Windows & Ventilators and flooring is of vitrified and ceramic having water electricity and sewerage facilities **standing in the joint names of Mr Pranesh R H and Mrs Suchita Desai** vide Sale Deed dated 19.05.2015 and registered as document No.NGB-1-01224/2015-16 & C D No.NGBD282 dated 19.05.2015 at SRO, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE (2ND AUCTION) UNDER "SARFAESI" ACT,2002.

The Borrower/Mortgagor is hereby noticed to pay the sum mentioned above within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the properties as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, J. C. Road, Bengaluru, represented by its Authorised Officer, i.e., (1) www.sbi.co.in & (2) www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

Date: 30.09.2021
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
(Smt. Daya S Naik)
Authorized Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large are hereby informed that my client **M/s Golden Brick Corporate Advisors Private Limited** represented by **Shri Vachaspati Ambika Prasad Mishra** has agreed to have encumbrances/ rights/ mortgage the said scheduled property herein mentioned below from its owner **Shri Chandramouleshwara Shivacharya Swamigalu, Mathadhipathi of Sri Ramalingeshwara Mutt, Haranahalli, Shivamogga Taluk & District.** If any person/s objecting for intended to create Encumbrance /right/mortgage in any manner whatsoever or having any right in the schedule property may file their objection and seek any relief/claims with the undersigned along with necessary documents to prove **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which my client will complete the process of mortgage and then any objection from anybody will not be considered at later point of time. My client will treat the objection received after the time barred as it will not be binding as the procedure completed as there are no claims, rights or interest over the schedule properties.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing **Survey No.8/1** admeasuring about 6 acres 38 gunthas situated at Nagasandhra village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on the :
East by : Road and land bearing Survey no. 10
West by : Radhaswamy Sathsangha's Property
North by : Bengaluru-Tumakuru Road
South by : Land bearing Survey no. 8/2 of the Mutt.

K. V. Thippeswamy, Advocate
No.1252, BEML 3rd Stage 1st Phase,
Rajarajeshwarinagara,
Bengaluru – 560 098, M: 9164504977

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE COMMERCIAL COURT, CITY CIVIL COURT COMPLEX AT BENGALURU CCH-85
Com. Ex. 1968/2010

BETWEEN: M/s Rajesh Exports Ltd.
Represented by its, Authorized Signatory
Sri. Nanjundaswamy **...Decree Holder**
AND: Mr. R. Ramamurthy **...Judgment Debtor**

SALE NOTICE TO THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

To The Judgment Debtor,
Mr. R. Ramamurthy, S/o Ramakrishnappa,
Aged about 41 years, Residing at No.65,
Priyanka Apartments, Devaki Apparao Layout, Yaraiahnapalya Road, Ramamurthynagar, Bangalore - 560016.

Whereas the Decree Holder has instituted a case in Com. Ex. No.1968/2010 against you for the recovery of amount due in Arbitration Case No.02/2009 and Decree Holder applied for a sale of the schedule property for the recovery of money and Sale Notice has been issued to you on several times by this Hon'ble Court, wherein you have been evaded to take the sale notice by giving one or the other reasons. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on **18/10/2021 at 11:00 clock** in the forenoon to answer the claim and you are hereby directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intent to rely in support of your defense.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.65, Khata No.118/93/103, formed out of the property Nos. 93 and 103, situated at Kowdenahalli, also known as Devaki Apparao Layout, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West: 60 feet, North to South: 50 feet, totally measuring 3,000 sq. feet together with a building constructed thereon measuring about 13,200 sq. feet of built up area on Ground, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Floors and bounded on the: East by: Private Property, West by : Road, North by: Site no. 66, South by : Site Nos 49 and 50.

Given under my hand seal of the Court this 01st day October 2021.

P. Raju, Advocate for Decree Holder
P. Raju & Co., No.F-6, Jeevan Building,
Kumara Park East, Kumara Krupa Road,
Bengaluru - 560001

By the Order of the Court
Sd/- Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.
Place : Bangalore, Date : 01/10/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC that my client **Mr. Raj Kumar, S/o D.V. Ramachandra,** age:60 years (major), R/at 6714 Walton Heath Drive, Houston, TX. 77069, Rep by his Power of Attorney Smt. Neeta Y Pawar instructs me to inform the general public that my client is one of legal heirs and legatee of his grandfather late B.V. Tholisingam Naidu of the immovable property bearing No 141 MM road, (Old # 66, Machavaraya Mudaliar Road) Frazer Town, Bangalore-560 005, (Pulikeshi Nagar, Bangaluru) and more fully described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the schedule property.

My client's states that he has filed a suit for partition and other consequential reliefs against his brother and others in respect of the schedule property among other properties which is pending on the file of the Hon'ble LXXV ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH-76) bearing O.S. No. 1627/2020. This being the position his brother Sri Vijay Kumar who is arrayed as Defendant No. 2 in the said suit has been attempting to create third party rights by trying to alienate the schedule property without bringing it to the notice and knowledge of my client and other brothers (Sri Sampath Kumar, 2nd Plaintiff in Original Suit) in the family.

My client, hereby cautions the general public not to deal with the schedule property in whatsoever manner either by entering into any agreement or instruments of transfer/s or joint development agreement/s either with the aforesaid Vijay Kumar or any person/s claiming under him or any third person/s claiming rights whatsoever under the above mentioned person/s will be considered illegal and illegitimate. Despite issue of this public notice if any person/s were to negotiate/buy/purchase or deal with the Schedule Property in whatsoever manner he/she/they shall be doing so at his/her/their own risk, costs and consequences.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.141, (Old No.66) Madhavaraya Mudaliar Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore560 005, (irregularly shaped) approximately 6,000 square feet, Measuring E to W front is approx 50 Rear is 62 ft. N to S (West side) is approx 90 and (East side is 100 ft) and bounded by: **East by** Private property, **West by:** Property by No. 142, M. M Road, **North by:** Lane, **South by:** Madhavaraya Mudaliar Main Road

Sri. Satish. G. Raikar
Sri. Roshan. M.C, Advocate,
No.401/1, 1st floor, Swastik Complex, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients are intending to purchase Shop Nos.1, 2, 3 and 4 in the Ground Floor, situated on Southern Side of the Property bearing present BBMP Khatha No.542, PID No.28-2-542, situated at Avenue Road, Old Ward No.28, New Ward No.109, Bangalore together with proportionate undivided share in the land described in the Schedule below from **M/s B.VISHWANATHAIAH AND CO.,** represented by its present Partner **Sri.V.Sharavana** son of late B.Vishwanathaiah..

The Public is hereby informed that if anybody have any objections for the above said sale, they may file their objections along with the related documents to the under signed within **Three days** from the date of this publication. If no objections have been received within the above time, my clients will proceed to purchase the property as nobody have any objections.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of **Shop Nos.1, 2, 3 and 4** in the Ground Floor, situated on Southern Side of the Property bearing present BBMP Khatha No.542, PID No.28-2-542, situated at **Avenue Road, Old Ward No.28, New Ward No.109, Bangalore** together with proportionate undivided share in the land, measuring,

East to West : 41 feet
North to South : 14 feet
In total 574 square feet
Bounded on the :
East by : Avenue Road
West by : Staircase
North by : Common Passage
South by : Property belongs to Malakala Prem Kumar.

Together with proportionate Undivided share in the land

MAKAM NAGARAJA GUPTA
MAKAM LAW ASSOCIATES
Advocates
No. 429-430, Second Floor
Alankar Pearl Plaza, K.G. Road
Bangalore-560 009

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate submit on behalf of my client **B. Gangadharaiah S/o. Late Bhadraiah & Narasamma** aged about 51 years, R/at Kempapura, Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru-560090 & others have filed the above petition for the death certificate of deceased by name **Bhadraiah S/o. Late Erappa was died on 21-06-1971 at Kempapura Village, Chikkabanavara Post, Yelahanka, Bengaluru City.** If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same or appear before the court as above **on or before 02/11/2021 in C. Misc. No. 89/2021.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- SHERISTEDAR,
COURT OF CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
Smt. SARASWATHI, ADVOCATE.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate submit on behalf of my client **B. Gangadharaiah S/o. Late Bhadraiah & Narasamma** aged about 51 years, R/at Kempapura, Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru-560090 & others have filed the above petition for the death certificate of deceased by name **Smt. Narasamma W/o. Late Bhadraiah was died on 24-08-2013 at Kempapura Village, Chikkabanavara Post, Yelahanka, Bengaluru City.** If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same or appear before the court as above **on or before 02/11/2021 in C. Misc. No. 90/2021.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- SHERISTEDAR,
COURT OF CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
Smt. SARASWATHI, ADVOCATE.

LOST ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

I, SUBBARAYAPPA S/o. Late Chikkamuniyappa, Residing at: Uganavadi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District informs that the original title deeds of the lands **1)** bearing Sy.No.24/1 measuring 2 Acres 02 Guntas, **2)** bearing Sy.No.29/1 measuring 25 Guntas, **3)** bearing Old Sy.No.11/1 & New Sy.No.11/8 measuring 1 Acre 08 12 Guntas & **4)** bearing Sy.No.4 measuring 19 1/2 Guntas all lands are situated at **Uganavadi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District** have been lost. If found please contact at the above address. **Ph:98450 98450.**

Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd

8B, Doshi Towers, 205, Poonamalle High Road, Kilpauk, Chennai-600 010.Telephone: 044-4565 0003

Possession Notice Appendix IV (rule8 (1) of the SARFAESI Act

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **demand notice dated 31-05-2021 calling upon the borrowers 1. Mr. MURUGESH, 2. Mrs. SARASWATHI And 3. Mr. ESSAKKI MUTHU to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being for Home Construction Loan No. AYELAH0029236 of Rs.11,28,477/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Four Hundred & Seventy Seven Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **"Symbolic Possession"** of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rule **on this 30th day of September 2021.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd for an amount of Rs.1226259/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Nine Only) as on 23-09-2021** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

Description of the Immovable property:-

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property site bearing No.23, Old Janjar No.28, New Katha Sl No.63, Property No.16 P, Situated at Munnimarayyanadoddi Village, Kannanayakana Agrahara dhakale, now comes under the limits of Bannerghatta Grama Panchayath, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet in all totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft and **bounded On: Boundaries: North By:** Site No.24, **South By:** Site No.22, **East By:** Road, **West By:** Site No.18.

Date: 30.09.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd**

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mohammed Sufiyaan Shaik, R/a 31, 4th A Cross, Near Shastri Memorial English School, Subedarpalya, Yeshwanthapur, Bangalore- 560022, have changed my name from Mahammed Sufiyan Shaik to **MOHAMMED SUFIYAAN SHAIK,** vide affidavite Dated on: 01/10/2021. Sworn before notary Chandrakala.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KESHAVAMURTHY K C,** aged around 47 years S/o **CHIKKAPUTTAPPA,** resident of No. 85, K NARAYANAPURA, Opp to Govt School, Kothanur Post, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East, Bangalore Urban, Karnataka-560077,have changed my daughter's Name from **VYSHNAVI KESHAVAMURTHY K C** to **VAISHNAVI KESHAVAMURTHY K C** vide Affidavit dated 01-Oct-2021 before Notary **N. Peruvazhuthi,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NAREBOINA CHANDRAKALA, W/o No: JC-829961L, NB/SUB (GD), Nareboina Nagaiah, R/at Suravaripalle, Badinenipalle, Komarole, Komarole, Prakasam-523373, Andhra Pradesh, that I have changed my name from **N B CHANDRAKALA** to **NAREBOINA CHANDRAKALA** and my Date of Birth is **20/08/1984,** Vide Affidavit Dated 02.10.2021 Before Notary K V Mani, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, BISWAL KUMARI SABITA, aged about 31 yrs, W/o Vijay Kumar Singarapu, R/at No.1833, 1st Floor, Munireddy Layout, 8th Main, 10th Cross, Hoysala Nagar, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru -560016, Karnataka, India, shall henceforth be known as **SABITA SINGARAPU,** vide affidavit Dated 29.09.2021 before notary K V MANI, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHARADAMBIKA PENDKUR
R/of No. 18, Clerkspet 'C' Street, Kamaraj Road Cross, Sivanchetty Gardens, Bangalore-560042 have changed my name to SHARADAMBICA TELLAKULLA SHASHIDHAR vide Affidavit dated 01.10.2021, sworn to before Notary K.N. Chandrashekhara Reddy, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NARASIMHA MURTHY AMDAL.,** R/at Flat No.204, Pragathi Apartments, Site No.7, Behind Meenakshi Temple Kothanur, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560076, have changed my Minor Son's Name from **SIDDHARTH NARASIMHA MURTHY AMDAL** To **SIDDHARTH AMDAL** vide affidavit dated: 1/10/2021 Before Notary **B.M. Chandrashekar** Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I, NO: JC-829961L, NB/SUB (GD), Nareboina Nagaiah, R/at Suravaripalle, Badinenipalle, Komarole, Komarole, Prakasam-523373, Andhra Pradesh, I state that in my Service Record My Mother's Name is Wrongly Mentioned as **VENKATAMMA** Instead of Her Correct Name is **NAREBOINA VENKATAMMA,** Her Date of Birth **01/01/1936** Vide Affidavit Dated 02.10.2021 Before Notary K V Mani, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRIYANKA S,** D/o. Late Shankarappa .M, Age 29 years, R/O Ground Floor, No.7, Sree Sai Paradise, Chikkalasandra Main Road, Uttarahalli Hobli, Opp Kanthi Sweet, Chikkalasandra, Bangalore-560061, do hereby declare that I have changed my name to **KIRANMAYI S,** vide affidavit dated: 01/10/2021 sworn before notary H.G PADMANABHA RAO, Bangalore.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION SALE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

(In terms of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002)

Whereas the Authorized Officer of the Bank has issued a Demand notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 and thereafter in exercise of powers under Section 13(12) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 has taken possession of properties mortgaged to Bank under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT 2002. The undersigned in the capacity of Authorized Officer has decided for sale of the following properties to public by E-auction and invite bids from the intending purchasers for purchase of immovable properties mentioned hereunder on **"AS IS WHERE IS" & "AS IS WHAT IS"** basis.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower's / Guarantor.	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Date of Possession c) Present outstanding dues.	a) Date & Time for Inspection of Property b) Date & Time of E-Auction	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount c) Bid Increase Amount
1	Borrower: Mr.Srinath M K	a) 21.04.2021 b) 18.08.2021 c) Rs.17,55,736.31 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 06.11.2021 Between 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m b) 09.11.2021 between 1.00 p.m to 5.00 pm	a) Rs.50,40,000/- b) Rs.5,04,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property : TITLE DEED NO- 41931/03-04, Dt:- 29-01-2004 - All that piece and parcel of the residential property Bearing No.12, BBMP Khata no.82/10/12, Portion of property no.10, situated at 8th cross, 1st Main Road, Raghavendra Nagar, Andhrahalli, Yeshwantpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk presently within the limits of ward no 40, Doddabidarkallu ward, Herohalli sub-division of BBMP, measuring East to west 50 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1500 sq feet and bounded on : East by : Site No.33, West by : Road, North by : Site No.11 and South by : Site No.13. In The Name of :- Mr.M.K.Srinath, S/o Late M.N.Krishnamurty Branch : Vijaynagar, Ph.: 23106262 / 23107803 E-mail : vijban@ucobank.co.in A/C No.: 20090210000939 IFSC Code : UCBA0002009		

Details of known encumbrances : Not Known

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. Sale shall be

₹220.55 crore — Government think tank NITI Aayog has disbursed under Atal Innovation Mission to Atal Incubation Centres (AICs) in 21 states to nurture innovative start-ups

Why GST needs rationalisation?

With the pandemic on the wane, a group of ministers has been formed to review rates

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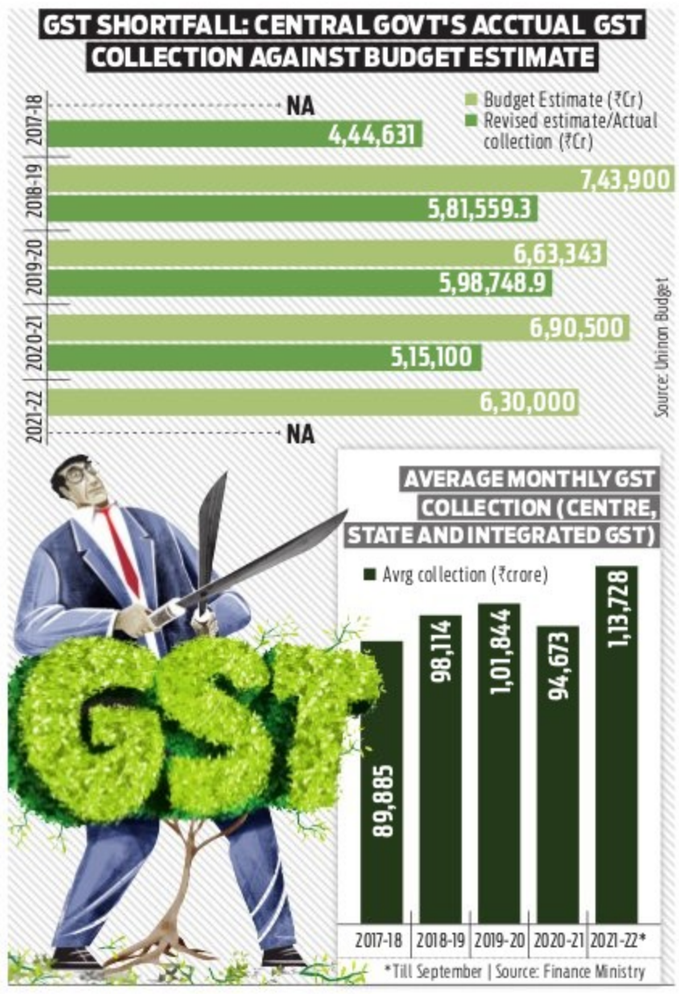
AS the Goods and Services Tax (GST) enters its fifth year, it is probably time for one of the biggest overhauls in the new tax regime – the rata rationalisation. The GST Council has been procrastinating on the issue because of pandemic, but now that the pandemic looks to be on the wane, the Council has formed a Group of Minister (GoM) to initiate discussions on the issue.

The GoM has a four-pronged strategy — to review the list of goods and services exempt under GST with the objective of expanding the tax base; review the instances of inverted rate structure and recommend suitable rates to eliminate the inverted duty structure; review the current slabs and recommend changes; and review the current structure and recommend rationalisation measures including merger of slabs.

The GST council had formulated a four-slab rate structure — 5%, 12%, 18% and 28%. Add to this, 0% exempt category and 3% on gold and additional cess charged on certain products, today we have effectively a 7 tax-slab structure, making it too complicated and also less effective when it comes to the quantum of collection.

The realisation that the collection from GST is much lower than expected had dawned upon the government a couple of years back as compensation requirements for states keep exceeding the collections from Compensation Cess. This necessitated the GST Council to have a look at rate rationalisation.



Collection falling short

At a press briefing after the GST Council meeting in Lucknow, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said the Revenue Neutral Rate prescribed at the time of implementation of GST was 15.3%. But the weightage average GST rate currently is only 11.6%.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its analysis in 2019 had said that since the rollout of GST, the rate changes have brought down the tax incidence from 14% to 11.6%. So, the new tax regime started with a lower GST incidence of 14% instead of the prescribed revenue rate of 15.3%. Later amidst public outcry over 'high' GST rates, the government had to further reduce rates.

When the GST was implemented in 2017, there were over 200 items which were in the 28% tax slab, but subsequently the rates on many of these items were cut to 18% or less. Currently, only 37 categories of items are in the 28% slab.

As a result, the government failed to collect GST as much as it expected and had to continuously cut down its budget expectations. In 2018-19, the central government had budgeted for ₹7.44 lakh crore through GST (in Centre's kitty), but it could collect only ₹5.8 lakh crore. In FY20, it had a moderate target of ₹6.63 lakh cr, but collected only ₹ 6 lakh cr. The 15th Finance Commission in one of its reports noted, "The available numbers indicate that GST buoyancy during 2017-2020 was less than that of subsumed taxes during 2011-2017."

And it cited many reasons that contributed to this – one of those being "successive reduction in tax rates and the consequent compromise of the revenue neutrality of GST rates have also affected the revenue performance".

Course correction

As the GoM on rate rationalisation has the mandate to suggest changes as well as suggest a roadmap for changes to be adopted in the short and medium term, we asked some experts what these changes should be and what their impact would be.

MS Mani, partner, Deloitte India, says: "As GST is now in its fifth year, it is an opportune time to consider fewer rate slabs and eliminate inverted duty situations completely — the GOM formed recently should consider the views expressed by industry bodies on the reforms required in GST."

Some of this may have already started. In its 45th meeting, GST Council decided to increase GST on ores of iron, copper, aluminium from 5% to 18%; on specified renewable energy devices and their parts from 5% to 12%; on cartons, boxes, bags from 12% to 18%; and on parts and locomotives from 12% to 18%. GST on licencing to broadcast films also increased from 12% to 18%.

Many of these hikes are part of the policy to correct the inverted duty structure, under which the tax on inputs is higher than the GST on output.

GST rate changes in order to correct inverted duty structure, in footwear and textiles sector, would be implemented from January 1, 2022.

The rate rationalisation does not necessarily mean an increase in GST rates across the board, though. "I am in favour of pushing up all low rates and pushing down all high rates to achieve a uniform low single rate," says Ajay Shah, an economist and a former professor at the National Institute of Finance and Policy.

He says that it would be a shot in the arm for the economy to do something like an 8% or 10% single rate GST.

Tushar Agarwal, founder partner at CA firm Tattvam Advisors, is not in favour of exemptions under GST as they come with the cost of blocking ITC and thus causing higher input tax for businesses. "Hence, the requirement is for reduction and rationalisation of GST rates in specific sectors and not for complete exemptions to ensure that revenue losses are minimised and leakages are avoided," he says.

NEWSCOPE

WHILE THE PANDEMIC CRASHED THE ECONOMY, SOME MADE POTS OF MONEY

GURBIR SINGH

ILLUSTRATION : AMIT BANDRE

THE just-released Hurun List for India's richest shows that the pandemic was inconsequential for a whole bunch of people. Slowdown. Demand paralysis. All this is meaningless. They made pots of money even as poverty and income inequality galloped round the globe.

As many as 1,007 individuals have accumulated ₹1,000 crore or more; and over the last year their cumulative wealth increased 51%. A crashing economy didn't seem to matter. We produced 58 more dollar billionaires compared to last year - a hefty score of 237.

All the big names are there at the top. Gautam Adani stormed into second spot quadrupling his wealth from ₹1.40 crore to ₹5.06 lakh crore, and overtaking China's No.1 — the bottle water producer Zhong Shanshan. Brother Vinod Shantilal Adani has also made it. He's there at No.8 with ₹1.32 lakh crore. Mukesh Ambani and family, with wealth of ₹7.18 lakh crore, still remain on top.

India has been well in step with the global rich. The Hurun Global List, released in March this year, showed the world had 3,228 billionaires, up 414 from last year. Despite the coronavirus slowdown, the total wealth of these billionaires rose 32% by $ 3.5 trillion.

Poverty at the bottom

The devastation at the other end of the scale is equally stark and obscene. A conservative World Bank estimate about a year ago said the "the Covid-19 pandemic is estimated to push an additional 88 million to 115 million people into extreme poverty this year, with the total rising to as many as 150 million by 2021." (Extreme poverty, defined as living on less than $1.90 or ₹150 a day.)

By July this year, a projection for India based on CMIE data said: "218 million additional people (168 million in rural and 50 million in urban areas) would have been pushed into poverty."

In India, officially about 4 lakh people have lost their lives to the coronavirus. The contraction of the economy last fiscal at 7.3% is the worst the country has seen since independence. The informal sector, which accounts for 920 million jobs, or 75% of the total available, shed 15% or about 122 million jobs. So how were these islands of wealth making money?

The money machine

There was money to be made from the 'fear' economy. Hundreds of drugs that worked or did not work against Covid-19 were in demand. Remdesivir injections at ₹4,700 a jab with doubtful therapeutic value generated billions. Cashless and home-delivery networks like Amazon cashed in. The Hurun list reveals that pharmaceuticals is the No.1 generator of billionaires, contributing 130 new entrants. Chemicals and software are not far behind.

Globally, while the ranks of the poor increased, the number of millionaires increased by 5.2 million to 56.1 million, a Credit Suisse research paper said. Recovering stock markets and soaring house prices helped boost their wealth. The researchers conceded wealth creation appears to be "completely detached" from the economic woes of the pandemic.

In India too, the stock markets have had a surreal ride with the NSE's Nifty 50 Index rallying 65% in a 12-month period after the outbreak of the first pandemic in March. The rally has no relation to the Covid-19 slowdown, and the actual performance of the economy or individual companies. Institutions and people are pumping in money, and cashing out. Foreign institution investors (FIIs) in the 12-month window bought $34.9 million worth of shares. Many have prospered but it has nothing to do with fundamentals.

There is no quick fix to this hugely unequal world, but a progressive tax is a crying necessity. The global charity, Oxfam, says the combined wealth of the world's 10 richest men - Jeff Bezos, Eon Musk Mark Zuckerberg et al - rose by $540bn during the pandemic. The charity claims this amount would be enough to prevent the world from falling into poverty because of the virus, and pay for vaccines for all.

In another appeal, Oxfam says, "If India's top 11 billionaires are taxed at just 1% on the increase in their wealth during the pandemic, it will be enough to increase the allocation of Jan Aushadi Scheme by 140 times, which provides affordable medicines to the poor and marginalised."

Another important step India can take is direct money transfers to targeted sections that suffer from extreme poverty. It is what many including the World Bank and former RBI chief Raghuram Rajan have been advocating for long. However, the government has preferred to dole out subsidy schemes and rejig names of existing ones. These haven't worked.

The US government recently passed a $1.9 trillion (₹138 lakh crore) stimulus package, which includes delivering cheques of $1,400 to American families. This may be a tall ordthe Indian government, but money in the pocket of the very poor, even in modest sums, would help them survive the fallout of the pandemic.

44 employees of Toyota Kirloskar Bidadi plant sacked for striking work

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE management of Toyota Kirloskar Motors (TKM) on Saturday terminated the services of 45 employees and took serious action against 22 others for refusing to act per the company's rules. The step was taken after 67 employees, who were suspended from services, had allegedly formed unions and were stopping others from resuming work.

Around 2,700 of the 6,500 employees at the Bidadi plant had staged a protest for about 90 days against the company over alleged increase work pressure, inadequate infrastructure facilities for employees and low wages. The statement issued by TKM said that despite several efforts, the union went on an illegal strike against the decision of the management to keep a union office-bearer under suspension pending inquiry for threatening and abusing a manager in the plant.

"This strike was prolonged by the union for four months despite the government banning the strike. During this period, 66 employees indulged in serious misconduct such as threatening, damaging company property, defamation, assault, etc. Consequently, they were kept under suspension pending enquiry and the company initiated disciplinary proceedings. The enquiry was conducted in a fair and transparent manner by a third party. During the process, required opportunities were provided to the suspended members to defend their case. Now, with the enquiries completed, the management has decided to terminate 45 workmen who had indulged in serious acts of misconduct and the remaining members are taken back with minor disciplinary actions," the statement said.

A company spokesperson said those who have been sacked are locals. The Bidadi plant manufactures around 300 Innova, Camry, Fortuner and Yaris cars per day.

Centre notifies retro tax amendment

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

AS the government notifies retro tax settlement amendment, companies like Cairn, Vodafone, others, will get their refund within five months, with a rider that they would not claim any refund in future from the Indian government.

According to rules notified by the government to settle disputes arising from seeking back taxes, companies will have to withdraw any pending litigation or proceeding before any forum against levy of retrospective tax and also give assurance that they will not pursue any claims in the future.

The Ministry of Finance notified the rules on October 1.

EXPRESS READ

RIL floats UAE arm for trading in oil

New Delhi: Reliance Industries has incorporated a new subsidiary in the UAE for trading in crude oil, petroleum products and agricultural commodities. Reliance International Ltd has been incorporated as a wholly-owned subsidiary in Abu Dhabi Global Market, the UAE. "The company has invested ₹7.42 crore or $1 mn in cash in 10 lakh equity shares of $1 each of 'Reliance International Limited'," the firm said.

Petrol, diesel rise to new record highs

New Delhi: Petrol and diesel prices soared to new record highs across the country on Saturday after rates were hiked again by 25 paise and 30 paise a litre, respectively. The price of petrol in Delhi rose to its highest ever level of ₹102.14 a litre and to ₹108.19 in Mumbai, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers. Diesel rates too touched a record high of ₹90.47 in Delhi and ₹98.16/litre in Mumbai.

Business & Beyond

IIM-Nagpur head gets Dr. PN Singh Memorial Award

Dr. Bhimaraya Metri, Director, IIM Nagpur, has been awarded the prestigious Dr. PN Singh Memorial Award by Higher Education Forum (HEF) for outstanding academic leadership. HEF is a community of individuals and practitioners of higher education & with more than 4000 members is the largest think tank in the space of higher education in India. Dr. P.N. Singh was a legendary corporate leader and academic.

Vedanta bags top spots at PAT Cycle-II

Vedanta Aluminium Business, India's largest producer of the aluminium and value-added products, has bagged top spots at Perform, Achieve and Trade (PAT) Cycle-II among the Indian aluminium industry. Perform Achieve and Trade (PAT) scheme is a regulatory instrument deployed by the Ministry of Power.

Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana started in CLW

To empower the youth with industry-relevant skills, Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) has started skill development training programme under #RailKaushal VikasYojana on Sept 20 and first batch trainees were imparted practical training on welding on Sept 22. It is an integral part of Skill India Mission adopted by Indian Railways under the aegis of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana as a part 75 years of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

Chhattisgarh State Power company to recruit 3,000 line man

Chhattisgarh state power holding company has decided to double the recruiting post of line man. The company invites online application for 3,000 posts of line man. Earlier advertisement was released for 1,500 post, which has now been increased to 3,000.

LIC inks pact with Dept of Post

LIC of India and the Department of Posts have entered into an agreement for print to post solutions. The solutions is provided for printing and dispatch of the policy booklet issued by LIC.

Arundhati Jewellers opens new showroom in Berhampur

The people across Ganjam district and Berhampur in particular will get their desired Ornaments as M/s Arundhati Jewellers Pvt Ltd, the symbol of trust is all set to open its branch in Berhampur. The opening is scheduled to be on next Sunday for customers in the silk city, when the dreams of the public to have their ornaments in reality.

Paradip Port observes 44th World Maritime Day

With the theme, "Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future" Paradip Port observed the 44th World Maritime Day, on Sept 28. Unlike National Maritime Day, there is no fixed date of celebration of World Maritime Day. But, generally it is celebrated on last week of September every year. DG Shipping, Govt. of India, has decided and directed to celebrate World Maritime Day on 28th September for this year.

CLW inaugurates Hospital Management Information System

Satish Kumar Kashyup, General Manager, Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW), inaugurated Hospital Management Information System (HMIS), on Sept 28 in Kasturba Gandhi Hospital in presence of doctors and RailTel officials. CLW is the first production unit in Indian Railways to implement it. Dr. Santra, In-Charge/K G Hospital, and others were present on the occasion. In his speech, Kashyup congratulated the entire team of doctors of KG Hospital & RailTel.

Women's World Boxing C'ships to be held in Istanbul in Dec

The International Boxing Association (AIBA) confirmed on Saturday that the Women's World Boxing Championships will be held in Istanbul (Turkey) in early December. The dates are yet to be finalised. The prize fund has been set at $2.4 million USD for 12 weight categories, meaning the medal winners will earn as much money as the men boxers in the competition.

'Random selection of referees & judges in Worlds'

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

THE McLaren Independent Investigation Report exposed some of the dirtiest secrets of the functioning of the international boxing association (AIBA) especially, during and before the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. One such damning report was on the referees and judges and their selection procedure just before a match. AIBA president Umar Kremlev, who initiated the probe under independent investigator Richard McLaren, is set to introduce major reforms as early as the men's World Championships in Belgrade beginning October 24. Random selection and background checks of R&Js would be introduced and strict monitoring would be implemented to ensure transparency.

The 38-year-old Kremlev also said if fights were proven to be not fair, AIBA would try to find a solution. From getting back its recognition by the International Olympic Committee to ensuring fair fights, Kremlev reveals all during an e-mail interview. Excerpts:

What is the next step?
As announced earlier, AIBA asked Professor McLaren to conduct a broad investigation that includes previous years till the present time.

What action is expected against those charged with corruption?
I have no tolerance for such behaviour and we will look at every possible way to take action based on Professor McLaren's findings. Where it can be proven fights were not fair, AIBA will do everything it can to remedy the situation.

After assuming office you had stressed on the need to make AIBA clean. Is this one of the steps?
AIBA's primary goal is to protect boxers, to ensure that all fights are safe and judged fairly. And to ensure fairness now and in the future, we must not be afraid to learn the lessons of the past. That's why we have engaged the best independent experts to investigate the issues of the past and to ensure our governance is fit for purpose.

How will AIBA ensure there is no corruption among R&Js?
Already we have implemented a comprehensive package of reforms for the coming AIBA Boxing World Championships in Belgrade which starts on October 24 — from background checks to random selection during the competition — to ensure fair bouts.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Jhulan shines as Test heads towards draw

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

A BRACE of wickets each from Jhulan Goswami and Pooja Vastrakar helped India restrict Australia to 143/4 after 60 overs on the penultimate day of the four-day pink ball Test at the Carrara Oval on Saturday. However, barring an epic collapse on Sunday, the two teams will share honours.

The visitors, who resumed on 276/5, were happy to bide their time in their quest to build a big total rather than go for an ambitious declaration. In the end, on a rather flat deck, contributions from the middle-order lifted the visitors to 377/8 before they declared just as the lights were beginning to take full effect.

Southpaw Deepti Sharma excelled with the bat, scoring a patient 66 off 167 balls. Even as there were calls to declare to try and force the issue — India need the four points more than Australia as they are trailing 2-4 in the multi-format series — Taniya Bhatia and Sharma buckled down to grind the bowling.

That the pair scored only 10 runs from the first seven overs was a clear indication about the think tank's intentions. Even though Bhatiya did manage to find two boundaries off one Ashleigh Gardner over, the status quo was largely maintained throughout the morning session.

Annebel Sutherland had the chance to remove Sharma when she was on 24 but her flashed drive just about evaded the outstretched arms of Meg Lanning at second slip. A couple of overs later, the bowling change worked as Stella Campbell induced an edge off Bhatia which was accepted by keeper Alyssa Healy. There was another cute partnership between Vastrakar and Sharma before the former became Ellyse Perry's 300th international victim. The declaration followed soon enough.

Brief scores (Day 3): India women 1st innings 377/8 decl. in 145 ovs (S Mandhana 127, D Sharma 66). Australia women 1st innings 143/4 in 60 ovs (J Goswami 2/27).

DAY OF THE RAJ

Delhi win, MI in danger

VIVEK KRISHNAN @ Chennai

SLENDER frame, an uncluttered technique and a smooth bat-swing. When you get a first glance of Ruturaj Gaikwad's batting, these are the characteristics that immediately stand out. His attributes may suggest that he is ideally suited to the longer version — he interestingly averages only 38.54 in first-class cricket — but it is in the shorter versions that he is sparkling with relish.

His latest display was a century of the highest quality against Rajasthan Royals on Saturday. On an Abu Dhabi surface where runs have been hard to come by this season, Gaikwad's effortless, unbeaten 101 propelled Chennai to a total of 189/4 — the highest total batting first in the UAE in IPL 2021. Gaikwad's brilliance was met with an equally formidable riposte from the Rajasthan batters as they cruised to the target with seven wickets in hand and 2.3 overs to spare. The bulk of the work was done by two players with starkly contrasting approaches: Yashasvi Jaiswal (50 off 21 balls) and Shivam Dube (64 not out off 42 balls). While Jaiswal's languid strokeplay provided the foundation as he stitched together a 77-run opening stand with Evin Lewis in just 5.2 overs, Dube's brute force gave the finishing touches. The win ensured that Rajasthan stayed alive in the race for the play-offs.

It also overshadowed a fine knock by Gaikwad that can be summed up as an innings of two halves. His half-century came off 43 balls before a stunning acceleration saw him plunder the next 51 runs in just 17 deliveries. CSK themselves were ambling along at 83/2 after 12 overs, but the last eight overs yielded a whopping 106 runs.

The 24-year-old has been overlooked for India's T20 World Cup campaign of course, but there are few batters timing the ball better than the man from Pune at the moment.

Brief scores: Chennai Super Kings 189/4 in 20 ovs (Gaikwad 101 n.o, Jadeja 32*) **lost to** Rajasthan Royals 190/3 in 17.3 ovs (Dube 64 n.o, Jaiswal 50; Thakur 2/30).

Full story: newindianexpress.com

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SIX-O-METER	FAIRPLAY
556	CSK

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TODAY'S MATCHES

RCB vs PBKS @ **3:30PM**
KKR vs SRH @ **7:30PM**
Live on SS1

IN a low-scoring thriller, Delhi Capitals rode on a classy knock under pressure from Shreyas Iyer to overturn Mumbai Indians' target of 129/8 with four wickets in hand and five balls to spare at Sharjah on Saturday. The loss now puts last year's champions under immense pressure to qualify for the playoffs. Having already qualified for the playoffs as a result of Friday's result, Delhi now are comfortably placed at second with 18 points from 12 games. But Mumbai are in a spot of bother. The defeat means they lie sixth with 10 points from 12 games.

Kolkata Knight Riders, Punjab Kings are currently fourth and fifth on the table, and remain ahead of the five-team champions on the basis of their superior run rate. Even though Mumbai's last two games are against two of the sides who are at the foot of the table, their fate remains out of their hands. Not only do they need to win all their remaining games, they will also need one of the teams above them to drop points.

Rohit Sharma's team has always shown they can deliver under pressure and there was a lot of pressure on their shoulders ahead of Saturday's early encounter. After a lacklustre batting display, their bowlers managed to tighten the noose around Delhi's batters as at one stage, the Capitals were languishing at 77/5. Except for skipper Rishabh Pant (26 off 22), nobody really got going.

Shimron Hetmyer (15 off 8) tried to accelerate the chase but perished off Jasprit Bumrah. Under pressure, the returning Iyer combined with R Ashwin and played sensible cricket at the end, targetting only loose deliveries.

Brief scores: Mumbai Indians 129/8 in 20 ovs (Suryakumar 33; Avesh 3/15, Axar 3/21) lost to Delhi Capitals 132/6 in 19.1 ovs (Iyer 33 n.o., Pant 26).

LOCAL EXPRESS

Jasper, Aneeshwar shine in K'taka win

BENGALURU: Jasper EJ (55) and Aneeshwar Gautam (3/16) delivered to help Karnataka beat Jammu and Kashmir by five wickets in the BCCI u-19 Vinoo Mankad Trophy in Indore. Jammu and Kashmir were all out for 115 after Aneeshwar's three wicket haul. Karnataka reached the target in 27th over.

Karnataka U19 women thrash Mizoram

BENGALURU: Karnataka thrashed Mizoram by ten wickets in BCCI u-19 women's one day trophy in Jaipur on Saturday. Sneha Jagadish and Chandasi Krishnamurthy took four wickets each to dismiss Mizoram for 28 runs, and Karnataka eased to the target, in the seventh over.

Vishnu clinches men's tennis title

BENGALURU: Former Asian Games medallist Vishnu Vardhan annexed the PBI-CSE Tennis Academy AITA Rs 1 lakh Men's tennis title here on Saturday. The 34-year-old made it look like a formality as he beat Maanav Jain with a clinical 6-1, 6-2 victory to lay hands on the winner's trophy.

PREMIER LEAGUE

Man United held, Chelsea win

LONDON: Manchester United were held at home by Everton on Saturday after Cristiano Ronaldo was dropped to the subs bench as Chelsea scored two late goals against Southampton to top the Premier League table. Elsewhere, Leeds beat Watford for their first league win of the season while Norwich avoided defeat for the first time during the campaign. United's 1-1 draw at Old Trafford continues an unimpressive run of home results including a League Cup defeat by West Ham and last week's shock Premier League loss at the hands of Aston Villa. Chelsea, meanwhile, beat Southampton 3-1 at home.

Results: Manchester United **1-1** Everton; Burnley **0-0** Norwich; Chelsea **3-1** Southampton; Leeds **1-0** Watford; Wolves **2-1** Newcastle.

EXPRESS READ

Women skeet shooters win team gold in Lima

LIMA: Indian shooters claimed the gold medal in the women's skeet team event and the bronze medal in the men's team finals of the ISSF Junior World Championship. The trio of Areeba Khan, Raiza Dhillon and Ganemat Sekhon finished first after an aggregate score of 6. In the gold medal round, they were pitted against the Italian team of Damiana Paolacci, Sara Bongini and Giada Longhi.

HI names 30 members for men's national camp

NEW DELHI: Hockey India on Saturday named a 30-member core probable group for the senior men's national coaching camp, to begin in SAI, Bengaluru from October 4. After a successful campaign at the Tokyo Olympic Games where India clinched a historic bronze medal and ended a 41-year wait, the Indian men's core Group will begin the new Olympic cycle with an intent to improve upon this performance at Paris 2024.

SAFF training ground for Asian Cup qualifiers

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

IF there is any football championship India has dominated since its inception, it has to be the SAFF Championships. They have won it seven times. Of the five teams who are featuring in the competition that started on Friday, India are the highest ranked team at 107. Maldives, the hosts, are ranked 158. Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka are even lower in the list.

With India having taken a strong squad, they are expected to return home with another SAFF title under their belt. In fact, India had sent their U-23 team to the last edition in 2018, but the same was not done this time with the Asian Cup third round of qualifiers coming up in February next year.

This SAFF competition will allow head coach Igor Stimac an opportunity to see where his players stand. "We have a full available squad here for only one reason, this is the last chance before the third round of qualifiers starts for our team to get together... we are going to use this tournament in the best possible way to check out a few more things...," the gaffer said in a virtual interaction on Saturday.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

1. E-TENDER NOTICE No. 08-DY.CE-WS-PER-2021-22-OT, Dated: 03.11.2021

2. E-TENDER NOTICE No. 09-DY.CE-WS-PER-2021-22-OT, Dated: 03.11.2021

DY.CE/WS/PER, Southern Railway, Chennai-600023 invites e-tender for the following works as per notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in our portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** The tenderers/contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and **only online tenders will be accepted.** The cost of the tender form should be made through online payment gateway available in the website by the way of multiple banks' net-banking, debit card and credit card. **Name of the work : Tender No.08-DY.CE-WS-PER-2021-22-OT, Dt.03.11.2021;** (1) CW/PER - Replacement of corroded steel staging with new steel staging along with foundation for high level tanks in paint shop, LBR shop and provision for new shed in south western side in LBR shop and provision for height gauge of wheel shop, CR shop, Old wagon repair shop and TLD at CW/PER; Tender No. **08**; Approximate cash value: ₹ **12920116.41**; Earnest Money Deposit: ₹ **0.00**; Cost of tender Form: ₹ **5600.00**; Period of completion in month(s): **12**; Closing/Opening Date @ **14.30 hrs / 14.30** on **03.11.2021. Name of the work: Tender No. 09-DY.CE-WS-PER-2021-22-OT,Dt.03.11.2021, (2)** LW/PER - Repairs to Compound wall Phase - I for 250 meters at LW/PER; Tender No. **09**; Approximate cash value: ₹ **5490188.53**; Earnest Money Deposit: ₹ **0.00**; Cost of tender Form: ₹ **5600.00;** Period of completion in month(s): **12**; Closing/Opening Date @ **14.30 hrs /_14.30** on **03.11.2021**. For further details, refer to website portal **www.ireps.gov.in** or contact Office of the Deputy Chief Engineer / Work Shops / Perambur / Chennai - 600 023.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.,** having its Administrative Office at No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001 and one of the Branch Offices of **City Union Bank Ltd.** as mentioned below: Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) & (12), read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notice. The borrowers below named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers below named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules. The borrowers below named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount as mentioned below and interest till the repayment of entire dues.

City Union Bank Ltd., 324, 3rd A Cross, First Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Rural - 560106.

I. Name of the Borrowers: No.1) M/s. K.B.S. Engineering Works, No.52, 4th Cross, 4th Main Road, Kote Street, Yelahanka Old Town, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560064. No.2) Mr. G. Muniraju, S/o. Gopalappa, No.58, 3rd Ward, Ramgondanahalli, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064. No.3) Mrs. G. Sindhu, W/o. G. Muniraju, No.58, 3rd Ward, Ramgondanahalli, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064.

Date of Demand Notice : 08-04-2021 followed by paper publication dated 02-07-2021. Date of Possession: 28-09-2021. Amount Outstanding : Rs.65,28,822/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Two Only) within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from 15-09-2021 till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Note : That our **237-Bengaluru Yelahanka Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR:501812080059395) dated **30-12-2019** requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Proprietor for which No.3 of you stood as Co-obligant and No.3 of you stood as Guarantor for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 11,50,000/-** at a ROI of **15.75%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **04-05-2020** and the outstanding balance as on **14-09-2021** is **Rs. 15,16,130/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **15-09-2021** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A : (Properties Owned by Mrs. G. Sindhu, W/o. G. Muniraju)

Item No.1 : All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing Sy. No.3/1B, measuring 0-14 Guntas situated at Pantharapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, East by : Private Property, West by : Sy.No.2/1 of H. Ramaiah , North by : Mysore Road, South by : Sy. No.3/1A. **Item No.2 :** All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing Sy. No.3/1C, measuring 1 Acre 13 Guntas situated at Pantharapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, East by : Sy. No.4/1, West by : Property of Chikkahanumaiah and Muddappa, North by : Sy. No.3/1A, South by : Sy. No.6 of Chikkavenkatappa. **Item No.3 :** All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing Sy. No.5, measuring 0-16.85 Guntas situated at Pantharapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, East by : Rajakaluve / Nala, West by : Sy. No.3/1C, North by : Sy. No.4, South by : Sy. No.6 of Chikkavenkatappa. **Item No.4 :** All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing Sy. No.2/1, measuring 0-3½ Guntas situated at Pantharapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, East by Sy. No.3/1B, West by : Remaining property in Sy. No. 2/1 belonging to Bettegowda, North by : Mysore Road, South by : Sy. No.3/1C.

Schedule - B

All that piece and parcel of 567 sq. feet undivided right title and interest in the Schedule "A" property. Schedule-C Apartment No.202, on First Floor measuring super built-up area of 1,350 Sq. ft. in the building called "RADIANT KAREL" being constructed on the Schedule A property with the Floors, Ceiling and Walls between units jointly belonging to such Apartment owners equally along with common rights in respect of common areas and amenities with one covered Car Parking Area.

II. Name of the Borrowers: No.1) M/s. Fastline Interiors, No.76, Kogilu Yelahanka Kannur Main Road, Yelahanka Post, Bangalore - 560064. No.2) Mr. M. Vijay, S/o. S. Murthy, No.723, 19th Cross, 4th Main, Agrahara Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064. No.3) Mrs. Madhavi, W/o. M. Vijay, No.723, 19th Cross, 4th Main, Agrahara Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064. No.4) Mrs. Sulochana, W/o. S. Murthy, No.723, 19th Cross, 4th Main, Agrahara Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064. No.5) Mr. M. Thavasheelan, S/o. S. Murthy, No.723, 19th Cross, 4th Main, Agrahara Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064.

Date of Demand Notice: 23-06-2021. Date of Possession : 28-09-2021. Amount Outstanding : Rs.23,76,533/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Three Only) within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from 15-09-2021 till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Note : That our **237-Bengaluru Yelahanka Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR:501812080041692) dated **30-07-2018** requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Proprietor for which Nos.2 and 3 of you stood as Co-obligants and No. 4 of you stood as Guarantor for the facility for a total Amount of **Rs. 20,00,000/-** at a ROI of **15%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **30-03-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **14-09-2021** is **Rs. 13,11,812/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **15-09-2021** till the date of realization.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mrs. Sulochana, W/o. S. Murthy)

All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.723, Survey No.25, situated at Agrahara Village, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, now within the limits of BBMP, measuring : East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, bounded on :- East by : Road, West by : Site No.714, North by : Site No.724, South by : Site No.722.

Place : Bengaluru,
Date : 28-09-2021

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E-AUCTION NOTICE

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E - AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION)
UNDER RULES 8(6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions. E auction arranged by the service provider **M/s. Antares Systems Ltd.** through the website **https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com**

Sl No	1)Name of the Borrower / Guarantor(s) 2)Name of the Branch and Secured Creditor	1) Secured Debt outstanding 2) Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount	1) Last date of deposit of EMD & KYC documents 2) EMD A/c no. 3) IFSC code 4) Bid Factor	1. Date of Auction 2. Time of Auction 3. Date & Time of Inspection
1	**BORROWER (S) : 1. M/S. SUPREME TRADERS** (Shop No.2, No. 40, 8th Main Road, Byrasandra, BTB Area, Jayanagara 3rd Block, Bangalore – 560 011) Represented by its proprietor : **Sri Mushtaq Rehman, S/o. Abdul RehmanSukur,** (AT –Flat No. 103, 1st Floor, JSS Opel, Behind Fire Station, BHEL Layout, Bengaluru – 560 041) **2. M/s Motor Mart** (No.5, 8th Main Road, Official Colony, Byrasandra, 1st Block, Jayanagar East, Bengaluru – 560 011) Represented by its proprietor **SRI Ashwaq Rehman, S/o Abdul RehmanSukur,** (Flat No. 103, 1st Floor, JSS Opel, Behind Fire Station, BHEL Layout, Bengaluru-560041) **3. Sri Ashwaq Rehman, S/o Abdul RehmanSukur,** (At - Flat No. 103, 1st Floor, JSS Opel, Behind Fire Station, BHEL Layout, Bengaluru – 560 041). **GUARANTOR (S) / MORTGAGOR (S) : 1. Sri Ashwaq Rehman, S/o Abdul Rehmansukur & Smt Afsiya Tharannum, W/o Sri Ashwaq Rehman,** both residing at – Flat No. 103, 1st Floor, JSS Opel, Behind Fire Station, BHEL Layout, Bengaluru – 560 041. **2. Sri Syed Akram, S/o Sri Syed Safiullah & Smt Amreen Syed Akram, W/o Sri Syed Akram**, both residing at –R/a. No. 14, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, 8th Main, Jayanagr, 3rd Block, East Guptas Layout Colony, Byrasandra 1st Block, Bengaluru – 560 011. 2) Canara Bank **- N R Road Branch Ph No 080 - 22132737 Mob No : 9663004110**	1) Rs.1,02,62,267/- plus further interest & charges **2) Rs.1,26,00,000/- EMD : Rs.12,60,000/-**	1) 28.10.2021 before 05.00 p.m 2) 7952295000001 3) CNRB0007952 4) Rs.1,00,000/-	1. 30.10.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 28.10.2021 between 10.00 am to 5.00 p.m
	Description of property - All that piece and parcel of the intermediate building plot with single sheet roofed structure No. 5, (Old No. 131), PID No 60-12-5, ward No. 60 (Pattabhiramnagar Ward), 8th Main Road, Official Colony, Byrasandra, Bengaluru – 560 011 with site area 1000 Sq Ft with built up area 1000 Sq Ft and bounded as follows that is to say **East By** : Road, **West By** : Site No 130, **North By** : Site No. 118, **South By** : Site No.6 (Old No. 132).			
2	**1. M/s. Khoday Silk Streams. Prop: Smt Padma Bai New No 25, Old No.29, 3rd Floor, N S Iyengar Street, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore – 560020. 2. Smt. Padma Bai 3. Mr. Suresh S Khoday both are at : No 23, 2nd Main, 5th block, Sheshadripuram, Kumar Park west, Bangalore - 560020 4. Mr. Eshwara K N No.24, New No 24/5, PID No.92-15-24/5, IV Floor, Jayamahal Road, Jayamahal Extension BBMP Ward No 92, Bangalore -560046.** 2) Canara Bank **- Cantonment Branch-II, Phone No. 080-25310087. Mob No. 9483500404.**	1) **Rs.5,00,62,566.43** plus further interest & charges **2) Rs.3,23,00,000/- EMD : Rs.32,30,000/-**	1) 28.10.2021 up to 4.00 p.m 2) 7952295000001 3) CNRB0007952 4) Rs.1,00,000/-	1. 30.10.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 Noon 3. 21.10.2021 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm
	Details of Security Assets : Fourth Floor, Residential Property No.24/5, 5th Main, Jayamahal Main Road, Jayamahal Extn, Bangalore-560046, measuring 2400 Sq.ft and Bounded on **East by :** Property No 24/1, **West by :** Jayamahal Main Road, **North by :** 5th Main Road and **South by :** Govt Quarters.			

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please logon to our website **www.canarabank.com** under "E-Auction" or contact the respective branches.

Place : Bangalore
Date: 2.10.2021

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Deaths among unvaxxed push US toll beyond 7 lakh

Delta variant swept through the unvaccinated and younger people, sending Covid fatalities soaring from 340 in June to 1,900 a day now

HEALTH

WASHINGTON: It's a milestone that by all accounts didn't have to happen this soon.

The US death toll from Covid-19 eclipsed 7,00,000 late Friday. The last 1,00,000 deaths occurred during a time when vaccines — which overwhelmingly prevent deaths, hospitalizations and serious illness — were available to any American over the age of 12.

The milestone is deeply frustrating to doctors, public health officials and the American public, who watched a pandemic that had been easing earlier in the summer take a dark turn. Tens of millions of Americans have refused to get vaccinated, allowing the highly contagious delta variant to tear through the country and send the death toll from 600,000 to 700,000 in 3 1/2 months.

Florida suffered by far the most death of any state during that period, with the virus killing about 17,000 residents since the middle of June. Texas was second with 13,000 deaths. The two states account for 15% of the country's population, but more than 30% of the nation's deaths since the nation crossed the 600,000 threshold.

Dr. David Dowdy, an infectious disease epidemiologist at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health who has analyzed publicly reported state data, said it's safe to say at least 70,000 of the last 1,00,000 deaths were in unvaccinated people. And of those vaccinated people who died with breakthrough infections, most caught the virus from an unvaccinated person, he said.

Cost of scepticism

The picture shows Danny Baker, a 28-year-old seed hauler from Kansas who contracted Covid-19 over the summer, spent more than a month in the hospital and died Sept 14. He left behind a wife and a 7-month-old baby girl. While he was eager to get the vaccine initially, news reports about rare blood clots and misinformation on vaccines harming fertility made him wary of getting the shots.

"If we had been more effective in our vaccination, then I think it's fair to say, we could have prevented 90% of those deaths," since mid-June, Dowdy said.

"It's not just a number on a screen," Dowdy said. "It's tens of thousands of these tragic stories of people whose families have lost someone who means the world to them."

When deaths surpassed 6,00,000 in mid-June, vaccinations already were driving down caseloads, restrictions were being lifted and people looked forward to life returning to normal over the summer. Deaths per day in the U.S. had plummeted to an average of around 340, from a high of over 3,000 in mid-January. Soon afterward, health officials declared it a pandemic of the unvaccinated.

But as the delta variant swept the country, caseloads and deaths soared — especially among the unvaccinated and younger people, with hospitals around the country reporting dramatic increases in admissions and deaths among people under 65. They also reported breakthrough infections and deaths, though at far lower rates, prompting efforts to provide booster shots to vulnerable Americans.

Winter looms

Now, daily deaths are averaging about 1,900 a day. Cases have started to fall from their highs in September but there is fear that the situation could worsen in the winter months when colder weather drives people inside.

Almost 65% of Americans have had at least one dose of vaccine, while about 56% are fully vaccinated.

But millions are either refusing or still on the fence because of fear, misinformation and political beliefs. Health care workers report being threatened by patients and community members who don't believe Covid-19 is real.

The first known deaths from the virus in the U.S. were in early February 2020. It took four months to reach the first 1,00,000 deaths.

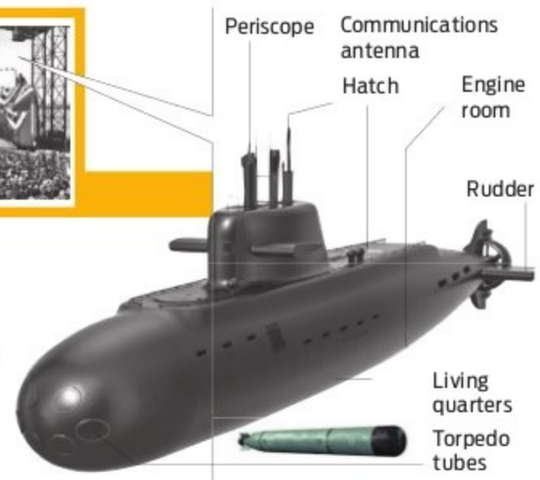
1ST NUCLEAR POWERED SUB

USS NAUTILUS WAS THE WORLD'S FIRST NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINE, AND WAS DELIVERED IN 1955 TO THE US NAVY

EXFILE • TECHNOLOGY

Nuclear propulsion in submarines

Australia recently cancelled a $66 billion deal with France for purchasing 12 diesel-powered submarines, and instead chose the US' nuclear-powered (not nuclear-armed) subs. This has triggered a lot of debate about the propulsion mechanisms used by these stealthy vessels and how nuclear technology proved useful in this regard. We take a look



HOW EARLY DESIGNS LOOKED LIKE

A British mathematician called William Bourne in **1578** proposed a fully enclosed boat that could be submerged and rowed underwater. Later, a Dutch inventor Cornelis Drebbel used Bourne's design and constructed the first submarine between **1620** and **1624**
The sub had a wooden frame with greased leather covering and oars extending to propel the submarine underwater

MODERN SUBMARINES

Some of the earliest versions of submarines were the 1863 French Plongeur and the 1864 Spanish Ictíneo II. While Plongeur used compressed air to drive the submarine engine, Ictíneo II used chemical reaction fuelled by peroxide that provided its own oxygen for combustion. Later, submarines became a key naval asset during the two World Wars

ELECTRIC SUBS

IN 1866

two Englishmen built a fully electric submarine called Nautilus. This twin electric-motor submarine had to be recharged at short intervals, restricting its single-charge range to 129 km

DIESEL-ELECTRIC SUBS

On the surface, a diesel-electric submarine is driven by its diesel engine, which also acts as a generator to charge the electric batteries

When underwater, the batteries would take over and the electric motor would propel the submarine

SNORKEL MODEL

A retractable pipe that could supply air to the diesel engine for combustion helped the submarine remain underwater (at shallow depth) and recharge the electric batteries before it submerged deeper

NUCLEAR SUBS

The nuclear powered submarines do not need refuelling. They can stay underwater for months, giving them better stealth capabilities and allowing for remote deployments

While electric submarines could sustain top speeds for only a few hours before the battery drains out, the nuclear submarines do not have this issue

IN 1982,

HMS Conqueror of Britain followed the fast Argentine cruiser General Belgrano for 48 hours before starting an attack

6 NATIONS

Only six nations in the world have owned and operated nuclear subs – China, Russia, France, India, the US and the UK

HOW DOES THE NUCLEAR SUB WORK?

Nuclear submarines derive their power from a miniature onboard nuclear reactor

What sets these submarines apart is the enormous amount of energy released compared to other modes of propulsion

Natural uranium consists mainly of the isotope uranium-238 mixed with small amounts of uranium-235, which has to be enriched before deployment

50 PER CENT

of the fuel should be enriched with uranium-235 to perform a controlled nuclear fission reaction, which releases heat that is then used to generate electricity for the submarine

30 YEARS

When commissioned, a nuclear sub already has enough fuel to last for 30 years of operation

THE DOWNSIDE

The costs to build a nuclear sub is extremely high: The INS Arihant costs a whopping `4,000 crore. To put in operations and maintain the nuclear submarine, a highly skilled and trained workforce is required

Merck pill can cut cost of Covid care

MEDICINE

EFFORTS are being intensified to bring the Covid experimental pill developed by the US pharmaceutical company Merck to the developing countries that have struggled to inoculate their population.

Philippe Duneton, the executive director of the global health agency Unitaid, told *Bloomberg* that the agency and its partners are hoping to reach an agreement to secure the supplies of the oral drug by next week.

The drug, known as molnupiravir, has reduced the chance of newly infected patients being hospitalised by 50 per cent.

To speed up the availability in more than 100 low and middle-income countries, the company had announced that it had signed non-exclusive voluntary licensing agreements for the oral drug with five manufacturers in India.

The company has agreed to supply 1.7 million courses of the treatment to the US government under a supply deal worth $1.2 billion. Merck also expects to manufacture 10 million courses of the treatment by the end of this year.

The drug could be developed at very low costs and hence could be a very attractive option for developing countries. The new drug comes at a time when more than 50 countries are yet to vaccinate even 10% of its population.

The company plans to implement a tiered pricing mechanism based on the World bank's income criteria to reflect the ability of countries to finance the treatment.

Molnupiravir belongs to a class of antiviral drugs called polymerase inhibitors, which work by targeting an enzyme that viruses need to copy their genetic material, and introducing mutations that leave them unable to replicate.

"Viruses are basically little machines and they need certain components to replicate themselves," Daria Hazuda, Merck's chief scientific officer of the company's exploratory science center, told *AFP*.

Molnupiravir was initially developed as an inhibitor of influenza and respiratory syncytial virus, two other important acute respiratory infections, by a team at Emory University.

Flu pandemic still more deadly than Covid

HEALTH

NEW YORK: A global flu outbreak continues to be a "serious and real" risk to human beings more than the ongoing Covid-19, according to infectious disease experts.

According to Professor Michael Osterholm, director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota, a global influenza outbreak could be far worse than the Covid pandemic, with models suggesting that it could kill up to 33 million people in the first six months, *The Telegraph* reported. "Prior to Covid-19, influenza pandemics were the number one biological risk to humans and this hasn't changed," Osterholm was quoted as saying.

"During the 100 years between 1918 and 2018, we had four influenza pandemics. This clearly illustrates that the risk of pandemic influenza is a serious and real threat. The question is not if we will have another influenza pandemic, but when," he said.

Osterholm was speaking at the launch of a roadmap to develop vaccines against both seasonal flu -- expected to rise this year -- as well as pandemic influenza, by the WHO along with several other organisations.

MEGA TRICOLOUR

A gigantic national flag made from khadi is installed on Saturday atop a mountain overlooking the Leh valley for Mahatma Gandhi's 152nd birth anniversary. The flag measures 225 feet by 150 feet and weighs 1,000 kg, reports say | TWITTER via PTI

FACT OF THE MATTER

MISSION SNAPS PIC OF MERCURY

SPACE: A joint European-Japanese spacecraft got its first glimpse of Mercury as it swung by the solar system's innermost planet while on a mission to deliver two probes into orbit in 2025. The BepiColombo mission made the first of six flybys of Mercury around 5 am Saturday. After swooping past Mercury at altitudes of under 200 km, the spacecraft took a low resolution black-and-white photo with one of its monitoring cameras before zipping off again.

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Scientists decipher Antoinette's letters to Swedish count using X-ray

HISTORY

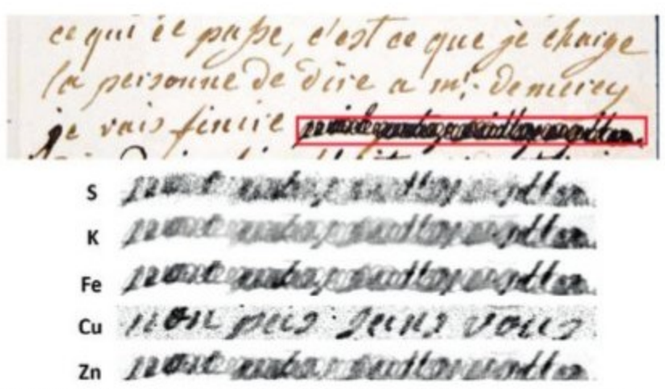
WASHINGTON: "Not without you." "My dear friend." "You that I love." Marie Antoinette sent these expressions of affection — or more? — in letters to her close friend and rumored lover Axel von Fersen. Someone later used dark ink to scribble over the words, apparently to dampen the effusive, perhaps amorous, language.

Scientists in France devised a new method to uncover the original writing, separating out the chemical composition of different inks used on historical documents. They tested their method by analyzing the private letters between the French queen and the Swedish count, which are housed in the French national archives.

That allowed them to read the original words and even identify the person who scratched them out — Fersen himself. "It's always exciting when you discover that you can know more about the past than you thought you could," said historian Rebecca L. Spang, who studies the French Revolution at Indiana University, and was not involved in the study.

The letters were exchanged between June 1791 and August 1792 — a period when the French royal family was kept under close surveillance in Paris. Soon the monarchy would be abolished, and the next year both Marie Antoinette and her husband, Louis XVI, would be beheaded.

"In this time, people used a lot of flowery language — but here, it's really strong, really intimate language. We know with this text, there is love relationship," said Anne Michelin, a material analyst at the Sorbonne's Research Center for Conservation and co-author of the research published in the journal *Science Advances*.



A section of a letter dated Jan. 4, 1792. The bottom half shows results from an X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy scan on the redacted words (outlined in red). The copper (Cu) section reveals the French words, "non pas sans vous" ("not without you") | AP